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CAPTURE OF HESSIANS AT BATTLE OF TRENTON

It was Christmas night. Christmas is a great feast day in Germany, and the Hessian soldires in Trenton had celebrated the event with true Teutonic thoroughness. Now they were sleeping off the effects and dreaming of the good wine and rum which they had drunk, and for which they had not paid a penny. Col. Rall and his staff had been invited to a little celebration by a neutral trader by the name of Hunt. What with cards and unlimited punch, the party lasted well into the night. Towards dawn, a messenger came galloping to the door and asked to see the Colonel. The man at the door would not let him enter. The messenger asked that a note be handed to the commander, saying that his errand was of the greatest importance. The servant took the piece of paper, but the Colonel, who had drunk more wine than was good for him, stuffed the note into his pocket and forgot all about it. He was to remember it much later, when it was too late to take action, and when the English had suffered their first serious defeat.

Nine miles toward the North, on the banks of the Delaware, a very different scene was being enacted. Gen. Washington with 2500 soldiers of the new American army were embarking in little boats, manned by sturdy Massachusetts fishermen. Soon they were making their perilous way across the river. The water was full of floating ice, and a heavy sleet storm beat in their faces. It was 3 o'clock of the morning when the last boatload had made the crossing. Then the troops began the long, dreary march to Trenton. Two other parties had attempted to cross the Delaware a little lower down. These, however, had found it impossible to make a landing on the Jersey side because of the ice which had been piled up there by the current.

Soon after dawn, Washington and his batallions reached Trenton. At once they attacked the outer line of pickets. A company of Hessians, hearing the noise, came out to see what all the shooting was about. These the Americans drove back with serious losses. Then they entered the city. Col. Rall, who was still at his party, heard the roll of the drums and the firing and remembered the piece of paper which he had carelessly shoved into his pocket No further need to read it. He now knew what it could have told him four hour earlier. He hurried to his men, but the Americans gave them no time to form. The British withdrew to an orchard on the east side of the town, whence ran a road which led to Princeton. But an American regiment had already cut off their retreat, and in the confused fight which followed, Rall was mortally wounded. A short while later, the Hessians surrendered. The fight had lasted only 35 minutes. The Americans had lost four or five men. In return they had captured more than a thousand Hessians, besides killing or wounding almost a hundred others.

The next night, the Americans returned across the Delaware with their prisoners, whom they proudly paraded through the streets of Philadelphia as a proof of their exploit.

The effect of this spectacular victory upon the morale of the American troops was enormous. Many men, whose term of enlistment was up, eagerly agreed to stay in the army a little longer. Others joined. General Howe, when he heard about it, was very much worried. He told Lord Cornwallis that he had better postpone his trip home for the present and rejoin his command. And it was many a year before Cornwallis re-enterd his ancestral halls.

Washington soon recrossed the Delaware and took up his position at Trenton. Hither came Lord Cornwallis, who had postponed his trip home indefinitely, and his army to attack him. Just before sunset on the 3rd of January Cornwallis reached Trenton. His first attack was repulsed, and he decided to wait for daylight. One of his officers told him that he had better not delay. Cornwallis, however, with his usual self-confidence, said that he could "get the fox in the morning."

The position of the American army was a very unpleasant one. In front of them was an enemy, strong enough to annihilate them utterly, and very desircus of doing so. Behind them was the river, full of floating ice, and well-nigh impassible. The weather was warm and the roads were soft and sticky, so that it was impossible to drag the cannon through the heavy mire.

A little after midnight it turned very cold and soon the roads were as hard as brick pavements. Washington now left a few pickets to keep his campfires burning, rounded up his men and 40 cannon, and stole quietly out of town. He marched directly to Princeton, where he found a small British force. This he quickly routed, taking more than 200 prisoners.

At sunrise the next morning, when Lord Cornwallis marched forth to capture Trenton, all he found was an empty camp and the dying embers of the American campfires. The pickets had kept them going until the very last minute. They, too, had stolen away to rejoin their comrades. Worse, however, was to follow. Toward noon, although it was midwinter, Cornwallis thought he heard thunder. It seemed to come from the direction of Princeton. When he realized that the thunder was caused by Washington's cannon, which the English had intended to capture that morning, along with the American General himself, he was more thoroughly disgusted. Washington had outwitted and outgeneraled the British army for the second time.

After this victory the Americans moved swiftly by forced marches to Morristown where they went into winter quarters. As the heights of Morristown threatened the British lines of supplies from New York into New Jersey, the English decided that they had best give up New Jersey, and their plan of capturing Philadelphia for the present and went into winter quarters in New York.

A wave of tremendous enthusiasm for Washington swept the country. He had, without fighting a single big battle, maneuvered the British out of New Jersey. As a result the enemy were where they had been at the beginning of the campaign. In Europe, too, people were beginning to sing the praises of the American rebel leader, and no less a strategian than Frederick the Great declared his achievements during that great month of January were the most brilliant which had ever been recorded in the pages of history.

Rev. C. D. McCaw, of Kevil, Ky., will conduct services at the Christian Church in Sikeston Sunday morning and evening, December 31. Everyone cordially invited.

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If the Golden Rule as to payment of debts was observed times would not be so hard in this community. Many debtors could pay a dollar or two on their accounts who do not pay a cent because they haven't the money to pay all they owe at one time. This makes it peculiarly hard on the small merchant who is compelled to pay the wholesaler or close his doors. The Standard would be glad for some of its debtors to try the Golden Rule for, just at this time, it would help us ease the pain at our paper house.

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The evidence being presented by the State at Herrin, Ill., against certain union labor individuals, show the crime to have been well organized and prepared for. Witnesses who were left for dead have come to life and testified against the defendants. It is the worst indictment against union labor that has ever been made before in the United States. It was organized murder pure and simple and hasn't a single phase to it whereby the ordinary citizen could condone the action of these union miners. If a number of the leaders are not hanged it will look like a miscarriage of justice.

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The editor wishes to publicly acknowledge the debt of gratitude he owes to his fellow laborers on The Standard. There is Hyacinth Sheppard, our lineotype operator, who has been with us since graduating from High School, who is a young woman of the highest character, a sweet disposition and a willingness to work. She is one cog in the machinery that would be hard to replace. Then there is O. E. Latham, one of the best mechanics to be found anywhere. It is to his efforts that The Standard stands so high throughout this section for the artistic work turned out. To Charles, Junior, we are indebted for the able manner he has handled the advertising and job soliciting end of the business. He is a Cheerful Charles who knows no grouches. To the "Missus" the entire works look for their checks that makes the wheels go round and the editor for the splendid meals she has furnished. She is a wonder to have lived with the editor nearly a hundred years and still be able to smile and look pleasant. May the New Year be a better one for all concerned with our shop.

Our Greeting

In the Spirit of Christmas

CHRISTMAS DAY brings us the consciousness that whatever our personal animosities may be, whatever the strife between nations — merely neighborhood quarrels greatly magnified — there is this sublime occasion devoted to peace and good will. Its spirit is the lamp which lights to higher life; its influence largely supports civilization and prevents a lapse into barbarity.

Christmas spirit means Christian spirit. In testing its effect, one has only to reflect upon the positions of races, the most advanced being those of Christendom. China, the oldest entity among peoples, has an admirable occasion upon which the citizens strive to liquidate all their debts. It is a national pay-up day, and in spirit somewhat resembles our Christmas. In Japan they have an annual event somewhat like our New Year's celebration, during which the people go about expressing good will and promoting good cheer. But Christmas has a more elevating effect than either, in that it not only typifies peace and good will, but carries the essence of unselfishness and pure love, the most common expression being the bestowal of gifts. When the Christmas influence gains to the point that its spirit shall permeate the affairs of every day in the year, the millennium will have arrived.

We have this day, and if we mar not its ideal its leaven will produce other days of the kind. In the making of a newspaper we have an opportunity to view the many forces operating upon the character of humanity. We see the good and bad, the sincere and insincere, the selfish and unselfish. We believe the leaven of good is more active than that of the opposed forces. If we have been able to assist the right, much has been due to your co-operation and we earnestly solicit a continuation of the same. Our Christmas greeting to you is one of optimism, good cheer and hearty good wishes.

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Rumors of Depot Removal

Co-incident with the appropriation of the Cotton Belt of millions for improvement, the rumor gained currency early in the week that blue prints for a new depot to be erected in Lilbourn in the south part of town were being considered. Another to the effect that Nw Madrid business men had guaranteed a free right of way to the Cotton Belt providing the railroad would detour all its trains from Lilbourn through New Madrid and on from there to La Forge and discontinue or take up the bee line tracks now laid and used from Lilbourn to La Forge on the way to Birds Point.

If this plan which has been talked of considerably and the frequent presence of numbers of engineers here recently leads one to think that serious thought is being given to it. It would mean that thru trains would henceforth be run through here instead of Illmo and Fornfelt and Lilbourn would then naturally become a more prominent place on account of being at the intersection of two main line roads.—Lilbourn Herald.

We see where Will Hayes, the bull goose of Movieland at Los Angeles, has forgiven Fatty Arbuckle for his past and will give him another chance as a comedy artist on the screen. It now remains to be seen whether the public will forget and forgive the past performances of this brute and the part he took in the drunken orgies in his flat at Los Angeles when Virginia Rappe, an actress, died a most horrible death at the hands of this brute. Take it from me, if he is advertised for Sikeston then will The Standard be found advising all decent people to stay away from the performances.

Farm Price and Europe

When farmers are compelled to accept ruinous prices for their products, the most liberal of credits from banks or Government loan agencies are only palliatives. This does not militate against the best farm credit system that can be devised, yet it does lay a finger tip on the present difficulty of the farmre. All the credit in the world will not save him if he produces at losing prices. What can be done to give him a market that has a profit in it?

Farm products the home market absorbs and for which it fixes the price are doing fairly well. Corn is a good price. Eggs are positively high. The farmer's trouble is that on products of first class importance, such as wheat and meats, the export market for which determines the price of the whole, his foreign market has gone to pieces.

If it is possible for this Nation to help the recovery of Europe it will in like measure help the recovery of the American farmer. This is a job for Washington's statesmanship, and no easy one. It is idle to look for anything more than temporary and spasmodic prosperity to American farmers while Europe is flat on its back.—Capper's Farmer.

The Whirlagig of Time works wonders in the course of a year. Many families have been visited by Father Time who has taken his toll of some member who will be sadly missed at this time. Those of us who have been blessed with good health should be duly thankful for same and mingle our tears of sympathy with those of our friends who are ill and grieved. Those missing will not be forgotten.

Poland Chinas in 1870

At the National Swine Breeders Association, held in Chicago in 1885, L. N. Bonham, of Oxford, Ohio was present. He presented a paper to the meeting on the evolution of the Poland China. We find in it that one man in Butler County, Ohio, in 1870, by the packers' books, showed that they packed in 1870 a lot of 38 Poland China hogs that averaged 613 lbs., gross at 21 months old, all raised and fattened by this one man. From the same packers' books it was shown that another lot of 80 averaged 574 lbs.; a lot of 38 averaged 570 lbs.; a lot of 40 averaged 713 lbs.; a lot of 12 averaged 773 lbs. It further states: "To show that this breed had in 1870 attained unsurpassed excellence in their readiness to fatten at any age, and their rapid growth, we quote the weights of two lots of pigs fattened when 11 months old. One lot of 30 averaged gross 384 lbs.; another lot of 10 averaged gross 410 lbs". This shows that they had some pretty big hogs in the Poland Chinas nearly fifty years ago and at that time the Poland China was the popular feeders' hog and the big foundation stone in that day of christening Cincinnati, Porkopolis.

The Standard would be glad to see more dairy cows, more hogs and more poultry on the farms in the Sikeston District. Each of these branches of agriculture is cash every day of the week and cash is what is needed by the farmers at this time.

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Mrs. Oliver Atkey, Great Britain's leading woman aviator, recently created a new long-distance record for women fliers carrying a passenger.

MOREHOUSE WINS SIKESTON WINS

The local basketball team won and lost to Morehouse at the Mecca Hall in Sikeston Thursday evening. It was an even break between the girl's team during the regularly allotted time, and the score was 16-16. In order to decide the game an extra five minutes play was allowed and in the five minutes the Morehouse girls made made two points and defeating Sikeston by a score of 18 to 16.

When the game between the boys was called Sikeston soon took the lead and held it easily until time was called, taking the game by a score of 44 to 11.

Quite a delegation from Morehouse was present to witness the games and when a return game is played at Morehouse the entire High School and faculty expect to attend.

Morehouse has a regulation court in their gymnasium, thanks to J. W. Sarff and other members of their school board, and the Morehouse teams with the practice will be dangerous in the future.

Liquor running by airplanes from Montreal to Long Island points has become so profitable that many aviators, including one of the foremost fliers in America, have entered the bootlegging game, according to Frank J. Hale and James L. Kerrigan, federal dry agents investigating liquor law violations in New York and New Jersey coastal counties.

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A mighty good way to create a better feeling between communities is to visit. Dihelstadt, Blodgett and Morehouse have splendid auditoriums connected with their High Schools and Sikeston High School pupils should make it a point to visit and attend such entertainments as are given in these auditoriums. Sikeston has no auditorium and no place to entertain visiting schools, except in a rented hall, but to swap visits creates a good feeling between schools and pupils that are lasting.

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Those of us who enjoy good health are not competent to sympathize with our fellow-beings who are fighting for health at home and in other climes. There is Mrs. Archie Barnett and Mrs. John Lay at Denver, Colo., Miss Eleanor McRae, Colorado Springs, Colo., and Mrs. Carrie Roper in the Sanitarium of Mount Vernon, Mo., all splendid Christian characters, who are seeking health. To these ladies The Standard joins their acquaintances in wishing them health and happiness for the New Year and may the Lord temper the winds that will be healing balm to their ailments.

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The Standard is informed that there is an undercurrent of dissatisfaction between certain sections of Southeast Missouri toward the newcomers from the South who have rented land to plant cotton and who will bring their cotton hands with them. This is all wrong. These new men coming in have the money to pay their way and the families they bring will spend with our merchants every cent they make. To our way of thinking it is criminal to discourage this new enterprise and those who seek to intimidate the new-comer will fare badly as the better element will be with the latter. Besides the new-comer has a legal and moral right to protect himself and his property with a shot gun or a knife and will do so. The time is past when the loafer and night rider can say who shall and who shall not work.

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Being a member of the National Guard in times of peace and subject to be called out at any time to guard railroads, mines, and other corporate interests, does not appeal to The Standard. Recently our company was called to guard railroad property at Poplar Bluff, New Franklin and Chaffee. At Poplar Bluff Harry McGee was accidentally shot by one of his companions, and Carl Denman contracted a severe case of malaria from which he has suffered greatly for several months. Earnest Arterburn was severely hurt while in line of duty at New Franklin. Harry McGee will probably be a cripple for life and is now in a St. Louis hospital. These are not eligible for a pension from any source and will have to say their own hospital bills. All of this to protect the property of a bunch of wealthy magnates in the East who do not give a d. if everyone of these boys had been killed. It's safe to say that our boys will be leary to re-enlist when their time expires.

HOOVER NAMED AS HEAD OF SURVEY

London, December 21.—The request made by a German trade commission that a committee of American business men, headed by Herbert Hoover, visit Germany to undertake a thorough survey of economic conditions that would be used as the basis of a new reparations treaty, was seen here today as perhaps the starting point of the rumors as to American intervention in the reparations problem.

Great Britain, it is semiofficially learned, has informed the American State Department of its consent to such a plan.

The proposal was made by a German commission, headed by Chancellor Cuno, to the United States Chamber of Commerce, which in turn is understood to have asked Secretary Hoover to present the plan at a Cabinet meeting. This was done and the matter passed into the hands of Secretary Hughes.

The Germans propose that the American commission determine the extent of Germany's ability to pay and assert that they would agree to meet this amount if France and Great Britain approved the plan. To this end Secretary Hughes opened negotiations with the London and Paris Governments.

Three Scotchmen in church one Sunday morning when the minister made a strong appeal for some worthy cause, hoping that everyone in the congregation would give at least one dollar or more. The three Scots became very nervous as the collection plate neared them, when one of them fainted and the other two carried him out.

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The wise farmer will not sit idly by and wait for the "progressive bloc" or Mr. Harding's administration to relieve him of his troubles. It is still true that "God helps those who help themselves", and the farmer must go right on planning and planting and organizing co-operative groups for mutual benefit if he is to accomplish anything. Politicians will lend their assistance only so long as their personal interests can be served.—Ralls County Record.

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The thought of Santa Claus and the joy it brings to children is a beautiful one and should be held sacred. We are told some teachers in our grammar school have told the little ones concerning Santa Claus, that has caused them sorrow. The belief in the future of human souls, the hopes of man in future happenings is the one great boon to all. The destroying of hopes of children in Santa Claus puts a damper on the spirit of hope and anticipation in them. We are sorry that tales of Santa Claus are not told in school instead of destroying the sweet dreams and anticipations of the little ones.

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The Standard has no intention of arguing the question as to whether the country is growing worse or better, but can plainly see that the Eighteenth Amendment has made thousands upon thousands of lawbreakers, and thousands more who have no respect for that law and growing less respectful of other laws. We have no suggestions to make as to changes, unless it would be through education instead of force. Unless a change takes place soon it will require an army of spies at millions of expense to try to enforce this one law. Men who are truthful in other matters are liars on enforcement of National Prohibition.

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With the close of the year it should be in the heart of man to forgive and forget many things that have happened. Until a man's heart is cleansed he is not fit to die. The editor of The Standard has had many conflicting emotions during the year. Those of sorrow, of regret and some of bitter hatred. Those of sorrow have been for the afflicted, for those who have lost loved ones, for those in trouble, and these emotions have been sincere and from the heart. Those of regret have been caused by the thought of having hurt the feelings of those in the community who have had erring ones in their families that have had their names in print. These regrets are genuine for all concerned. Those of hatred have been for the politician who uses abuse and tries to ruin those whom he cannot rule. It is wrong, we know, to hold resentment toward this class of humanity, and maybe, some day, this sort of resentment will pass away, but not now.

MORGAN AND CAPITOL IN ACCORD ON LOAN

Washington, December 19.—The notification given to the German Ambassador by the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. to the effect that it is impossible to discuss or consider a loan to Germany "unless and until the reparations question is settled", is expected in official and dipolmatic circles in Washington to have a most far-reaching influence upon the work of those now engaged in another effort to find a cure for the European economic situation.

So far as the American Government is concerned, there is complete accord with the position taken by the recognized leader in the American banking world, the view of President Harding, Secretary Hughes and other influential advisers in the administration that reparations is the crux of the present situation in Europe which cannot be improved until there has been a definite and final settlement of the reparations issue.

The foreign banking groups, with the exception of the French, have been in general accord with the position stated in the announcement by Morgan & Co., and there is reason for believing that the allied governments in general, but with the notable exception of the French, have been for some time willing to proceed to the adjustment of the question of reparations on a new basis if France were willing to join in such an effort.

The consensus of competent opinion in Washington has bee that the amount of reparations as now fixed for Germany to pay is too high, because it is believed by most American bankers and economists as beyond the real limit of German capacity to meet them.

Queen Mary is one of the most honored women in England, she already having 23 honorary degrees.

Mrs. Charles Clark of Cleve, Ohio, came in Christmas day for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Chambliss.

Mrs. Wm. E. Payne and son, Bill, will leave for their home in Ballston, Va., Friday at noon, after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Blanton. Ballston is four miles beyond the Potomac River from Washington, D. C.

In the first seven months of 1922, Denmark exported about 55,000 tons of butter in casks or cases, or nearly 2000 tons more than was exported in the corresponding period of 1921. England continues to be the principal buyer of Danish butter, taking two-thirds of the total exports. Of late, France and Belgium have also imported considerable quantities. Shipments to other countries, with the exception of those to Czechoslovakia, have diminished, notably those which were taken by the United States.

New Year Greeting

To Our Faithful Old Friends and Cherished New Friends

And those whose friendship we strive to deserve, we tender this

GREETING

We hope that the New Year will be a happy one for you and that great prosperity will be yours. We want you to make OUR STORE YOUR STORE. We strive to please you, therefore we ask for your hearty co-operation.

THE QUALITY STORE — SIKESTON MERCANTILE CO. — SIKESTON MO.

WIFE SUES PASTOR, NAMING 122 WOMEN

Providence, R. I., Dec. 20.—The Rev. Adolph H. Englehardt, 42, pastor o fthe Church of Divine Science, whose wife is said to name 122 women in her divorce action, is Dr. Adolph Von Henri. He conducted a healing establishment here before being interned for two years as a dangerous enemy alien, according to the police, who say he has also been arrested here for illegal practice of medicine.

Mrs. Englehardt's petition declares her husband has hypnotic power over women, and police who investigated say she may be right. His healing treatments consisted mainly in laying on of hands, accompanied by a phonograph, the music being changed to meet "spiritual" needs of the patient. Federal authorities took the "Doctor" into custody December 11, 1917. Women mourned, visitde him in his cell and sent him delicacies.

Assistant Attorney-General Sisson called him "the most dangerous man in Rhode Island". A short time ago Dr. Von Henri founded his church, holding "healing services". Mrs. Isabelle Bradley, styled a "Ballot Medium", assisted. The pastor-healer calls his wife's mention of the 122 women as a "despicable attack". He admits she sued for non-support two months ago.

Yearling colts brought $896.40 a head when 25 of them from Walnut Hall Farm, famous trotting horse nursery at Donerail, Ky., sold for $22,410 recently in New York. The top price was $5,600 for Real Frisco. Canadian and European buyers were present.

The American Legion which is preparing a campaign against illiteracy, in relative order, are Germany, Denmark, Switzerland, Holland, Finland, Norway, Sweden, Scotland, England, Wales and France. This country does not hold a rank in this respect that should inspire much National pride, but measures are being proposed in many quarters at once to better the situation.

Yearly consumption of potatoes in the United States is 3.2 b shels per capita. The 1922 potatoes ast year there was a market for only 4 bushels. There was no need for the extra fifth bushel, yet that extra figth bushel set the price for the other 4 bushels. But that extra fifth bushel was not a full bushel. It represented culls, potatoes that were not dug because of low prices and thousands of bushels of potatoes that rotted or froze on the ground because the railroads could not handle them. Culls and losses culled the surplus bushel to approximately a peck, maybe less, possibly to nothing. Yet the culls set the price for all the potatoes consumed.

Widow-burning now virtually extinct in India, is said to exist in certain parts of Africa. Widows are immolated on the husband's funeral pyre as a sign of virtue, and also to provide the dead man with attendants in the next world.

IMMEMORIAL USAGE CITED IN RUM CASE

Washington, December 19.—The decision of Federal Judge Hand at New York holding that foreign vessels cannot bring intoxicating liquors into the territorial waters of the United States, was attacked as contrary to immemorial usage and unwarranted by any present law, in a brief for the foreign lines filed in the Supreme Court by former Attorney General George Wickersham.

Summing up his reasons for asking that the lower court be reversed, Wickersham declared that although the prohibition amendment and the Volstead enforcement act apply only to the United States and all territory subject to its jurisdiction, they do not operate to constitute regulations of the internal affairs of foreign merchant vessels coming within American waters.

Immemorial usage, the brief asserted, established the right of such vessels to carry beverages as a part of their stores or supplies for the use of passengers and crew, and something further than any law now on the statute books would be required to prohibit continuance of that custom, it was asserted.

Mere possession of liquor on board a ship, lawful in its inception, cannot become unlawful, Wickersham argued the moment the ship crosses the three-mile limit into American territorial waters. He declared the presence of these liquors on board while the ship is in Amercian waters and on her progress from the three-mil elimit to her dock and return was not transportation within the meaning of the prohibition amendment or enforcement act.

The brief covered more than a hundred printed pages and presented a review of the laws of foreign countries under which foreign steamships are required to carry intoxicating liquors and wines.

Of the more than 300,000 women nurses in the United States in 1920, more than half were below the standard of the registered nurse.

Miss Virginia Matthews entertained some of her friends at a six o'clock dinner Tuesday evening, after which they witnessed "Nice People" at the Malone Theatre.

SAYS WAGES WONT GO BACK TO PREWAR LEVEL

Washington, December 19.—Wages will never return to the levels in effect before the war, Julius H. Barnes, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, asserted in an address today before the Washington City Club. The advance since 1913, he said, "is not wartime inflation, but a real increase in individual earning power", and he declared that "an economic system which can give us more for everyone—more automobiles more general education, more modern plumbing, more gramophones and bigger real wages—must be preserved".

Barnes said the decrease of 1,700,000 in the number of farm workers since 1900 was not "evidence of the cecadence of agriculture", because improved machinery "has enabled fewer workers to get more production and men who have been released have been able to supply the brawn for the four great industrial development of the last twenty years—in automobiles, electricity, motion pictures and chemical work".

He declared the great problem before the nation was to distribute the wealth "so that it will not concentrate into the hands of a few" since, if that were permitted, "the broad purchasing market necessary to absorb our production" would be lacking.

Barnes said no constructive thuoghts have appeared in the present discussion of the telephone problem. He pointed to the investment since 1907 of fifteen to twenty billions in automobile trucks, six billions in good roads and five billions in service stations, compared with the relatively small investment in railroad terminal facilities as indicating "establishment of an individualistic competitive system of telephone which will not fall under the ban of over-regulation". Motor trucks, he added, are "hauling more than onehalf as much freight as the railroads and while a good deal of this is first haul to the railroads, it shows what can be done by a greater extension of the truck hauling plan".

Mrs. N. T. Boedker of Berkeley, Cal., helps immigrant women earn money by means of their native handiwork and teaches them lessons of citizenship.

SIKESTON EIGHT FORNFELT FOUR

Superintendent Ellise and Mrs. Elise chaperoned the Girls' Basketball team to Fornfelt Friday evening where they played the champion team of Southeast Missouri, in fact, the Fornfelt team had not been defeated during the past two seasons.

The game was warmly contested, but Sikeston was able to defeat the champions by a score of 8 to 4.

The Sikeston team was composed of Lottie Dover, Lena Plott and Anita Winchester, guards; Clar Lindley, center; Dorothy Lillard and Ruby Richards, forwards.

Superintendent Ellise and the entire High School is mighty proud of the honor of beating Fornfelt.

Our girls play in white uniforms and present a very striking picture when in action. The white sweaters for the girls have been ordered and are expected at an early date.

The per capita consumption of eggs in the United States is half an egg a day, which totals about 52 million eggs a day.

In Sweden it is a popular custom for a bride to fill her pockets with bread, which she hands to everyone she meets on her way to the church. Every piece she disposes of is supposed to avert a misfortune.

The bill of Senator Norris, Republican, Nebraska, to establish a $100,000,000 government corporation to finance sale of agricultural products was ordered reported favorably by the Senate Agriculture Committee.

Roy Finch's love for wild horses, many of which he had mastered by his excellent horsemanship, although only 16 years old, led him to his death near his father's home, four miles north of Missouri City, in Clay County. While on a Western broncho without saddle and with only a halter on it, the animal broke and ran down the road. The boy was unable to check his mount's speed and, coming suddenly upon a herd of cattle being driven across the road, the rider was thrown, his pony falling on top of him among the stampeding cattle. The boy's neck wa sbroken. His father recently moved to this county from Montana and has about 25 head of western ponies.

The new freedom enjoyed by Turkish women has caused increased exports of lipsticks from the United States.

Announcement is made that the Palestine Government has arranged for a loan of £2,500,000 (normally about $12,500,000. The loan was floated in London.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

To you and to those whose happiness is yours---

Permit us here to thank you for the most excellent business accorded our market.

A Happy New Year

Sellards Meat Market

To Our Good Friends and Patrons

To you whose friendship and good will have helped to make the past year a satisfactory one to us we send our cordial appreciation, and our sincere wishes for a

Happy New Year

May you enjoy a full measure of pleasure during the season and may the coming year bring you the greatest happiness and prosperity you have ever known.

Sikeston Electric Laundry Co.

RUSH OF HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS AT THE CLOSE OF PRESENT YEAR

Frank B. Newton, engineer in charge of District No. 10, State Highway Department, was in Cape Girardeau late yesterday and told The Missourian that he had recently awarded road contracts as follows:

At Kennett last Friday the following contracts were awarded: To M. E. Gillioz, a stretch of 11 miles running northwest from Holcomb, grading, graveling and bridging, $330,000. In this contract is a very large bridge over St. Francis and several other smaller bridges.

Another section of this contract, six miles, was awarded to Albert Creek at $93,500.

To W. A. Leach was awarded the first stretch of the concrete highway east and west through Kennett to the Arkansas line, 7 miles of 9-foot concrete with 7 feet of gravel, eight steel bridges, one costing $23,000, for $275,002.

To Robertson, Canmean and Bennett went the second stretch of 6 miles of 9-foot concrete and 7-foot gravel, with bridges, at $145,027.

To the Service Construction, of Poplar Bluff went the third stretch of 3.3 miles of the same type, at $89,252.

The same company secured the fourth stretch of the same contract, being 11 miles of the same type, at $300,924.

This stretch of 27.3 miles concrete and gravel highway, with numerous bridges, which will connect Kennett with the Arkansas concrete highway to Paragould, will cost $1,233,712, this price being the gross figure.

The letting of these latest contracts in Dunklin county places that county at the top in highway construction. A year or so ago Dunklin voted a bond issue of $1,2000,000 and contracts are now let to the extent of $1,762,000. Much federal and state aid is being received there and by the end of next year Dunklin will have a network of highways second to none in the state.

Last Staturday at Poplar Bluff a stretch of 19.7 miles of grading, graveling and bridging from Poplar Bluff to the Butler-Carter County line, was awarded to C. M. Wilson and P. G. Smith, two wealthy farmers of that county, at $152,000.

At Caruthersville last Friday a contract for two miles of graveled road 16 feet wide from Hayti southeast was awarded at $18,290.

Engineer Newton went to Marble Hill early today to open bids on the building of a graveled road from Patton to Marble Hill and a stretch of 6 miles from Marble Hill south.

Wednesday at Fredericktown he will open bids for the building of a graveled road, with bridges, from that place toward Ironton, a stretch of 5 miles.

Thursday at Bloomfield, he will wind up the letting of contracts under the Morgan-McCullough state aid law, when bids on a stretch of 5 miles of gravel on the Birds Point-Poplar Bluff highway will be opened. —Cape Missourian.

TUBERCULOSIS FREE CATTLE ARE WANTED

D F. Luckey, livestock commissioner of the National Stock Yards, East St. Louis, and formerly state veterinarian, left this afternoon for his home in St. Louis, after a week's trip in Cape Girardeau county, during which he urged the farmers to organize to eradicate tuberculosis from their herds of cattle.

Luckey said that he found the sentiment in Cape Girardeau county in favor of the movement and that he had several successful meetings here. He said he is urging the farmers to join and have their herds tested for tuberculosis. He said that packers are offering a 10 per cent increase in price for meat coming from counties from which the disease has been eradicated.—Cape Missourian.

Rev. Hibner of Morehouse will preach at the City Hall Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

For sometime farmers living north of Parma have been losing young pigs, kid goats, geese and chickens and were of the opinion that predatory animals were the source of the trouble but all efforts to catch the marauder proved futil until last Sunday night, when Elmer Burnett who lives three miles north of here caught the largest Bob Cat ever seen in this section of the country.—Malden Merit.

CHURCHES SEEK LAWS TO CHECK MATING OF UNFIT

Hartford, Conn., December 24.—More stringent marriage laws will be sought by the church organizations and those dispensing charity through a campaign just launched.

Judge Epaphroditus Peck of Bristol has been appointed by the State Federation of Churches to investigate the marriage and divorce laws and to prepare a report on proposals for physical examinations of both prospective brides and grooms.

The object of the campaign is to prevent the marriage of persons deemed not of the proper grade of health and intelligence to marry and rear families.

The charity organizations declare that much poverty is due to the marriage of unfit persons, and that many are prevented from earning a living because of mental and physical defects caused by hereditary taints.

Wood-Cunningham

On Friday evening, December 22, Miss Vera Cunningham, daughter of Mrs Sarah Cunningham, was married to John C. Wood, by Rev. Thos. B. Mather, at the Methodist parsonage.

Miss Cunningham has been a valued employee of the Scott County Milling Company and Mr. Wood is the scientific man in charge of the laboratory of the Scott County Milling Co. and is held in high esteem by his employes.

The newlyweds will makes their home with Mrs. Cunningham.

The Standard extends congratulations and best wishes for a happy wedded life.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cresap of Gideon spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Cresap's homefolks, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lescher.

Shortly after 8:00 o'clock Monday evening the fire department was called out to fight a blaze at the Coco Cola Bottling plant on Front Street. The fire was soon under control, but not until one of their delivery trucks was destroyed.

Five candidates, one of them a woman, have already announced for the office of county superintendent of Stoddard county at the election on April 3. They are: G. C. Meineke, A. J. Myers, Charles B. Miller, Amos E. Alexander, Mrs. Bertha Rhoades Williams.

CAR LOAD OF COTTON DAMAGED BY FIRE

A car loaded with bales of cotton was discovered to be on fire on the Frisco track last Sunday afternoon. The fire company responded to the call and soon had the fire put out.

In some manner, perhaps by tramps riding in the car, the fire broke out in the car which was in the middle of a long freight train headed north and the train crew cut the one car out so the fire company could get to it.

The bales were taken out of the car and while scorched and the burlap torn, were not badly damaged. The roof of the car was destroyed, but the car bottom and wheels were saved.

"The Impossible Mrs. Bellew" Dramatic Story of Great Power.

The Lance Bellews, a wealthy family whose home is on the Hudson, near New York, lived in discord. Lance Bellew, husband and father, finds the apartment of Naomi Templeton a more attractive lounging place than his own home, and the society of its mistress more diverting than that of his wife, Betty, and their little son. Betty is unaware of his infidelity.

Jerry Woodruff, a friend of long standing of the Bellews, is cognizant of the situation, and his sincere desire to prevent a family catastrophe shows itself in numerous kindly and perfectly innocent attentions to Betty and her boy.

Naomi sets out to make Bellew suspicious of his wife's relations with Woodruff, hoping to bring about a divorce and then to capture Lance as a husband. The result is a quarrel and Lance insults his wife. Jerry resents Bellews' conduct, and Bellew, infuriated by Woodruff's contempt, shoots and kills Jerry.

The efforts of Lance Bellew's relatives to persuade Betty to testify at his trial are fruitless; but a clever lawyer, by working on her love for her little son, wins her consent to this program. And then the lawyer achieves the acquittal of Lance by convincing the jury that the killing of Woodruff was justified. Betty finds that while her husband remains unpunished her own reputation is blasted.

Bellew, anxious to punish and humiliate Betty, sues her for a divorce and gets a decree. The referee decides that Betty is not a fit person to rear her child, and awards the custody of little Lance to his father.

Rendered desperate by this injustice Betty attempts to kidnap her boy. He is torn from her as a transatlantic liner is in Long Island Sound, ready to start for Europe. Aboard the liner is John Helstan, a young writer, and his father, Rev. Dr. Helstan. Young Helstan's sympathies are aroused by the plight of Betty. At Deauville, where they all go, Betty learns that the world is a hard place for a woman with such a reputation as that which has darkened her life. She is known as "The Impossible Mrs. Bellew", a name which comes after Alice Granville snubs her because of jealousy over Betty's attraction for Grand Duke Rostoy de Varnak, a notorious roue, who becomes infatuated with her.

John continues to defend Betty. Rev. Dr. Helstan, however, sees the trend of things and suggests a separation. Betty plans to bring this about by disgusting John with her conduct at a party given by the Duke. Meantime, Lance Bellew, married to Naomi, has learned the meaning of suffering and neglect. Aunt Agatha, repentant of her actions towards Betty in securing false testimony at the trial, quarrels wit hher son, takes little Lance and goes to Europe.

At Deauville she meets Rev. Dr. Helstan and tells him the truth regarding Betty. John returns from the party convinced that what the world says about Betty is true. He is told the truth, and returns to the Grand Duke's mansion just in time to rescue Betty from the embraces of the roue.

Betty, the child and John are reunited in the apartment of Dr. Helsan. A new and happier life opens itself out for "The Impossible Mrs. Bellew".

The Council of Ambassadors has sent a note to the German Ambassador in Paris acknowledging the receipt of the Ambassador's note concerning the attacks made at Stettin, Passau and Ingoldstadt on officers of the Allied Control Commission and also of the payment of the indemnity demanded. The council accepts the excuses offered on the understanding that they were formally offered in the name of the Bavarian Government and not in the name of the Reich. The note also asks for confirmation whether certain punishments which it had been announced would be inflicted had really been carried out.

A NEW YEAR FOR YOU

As the year wanes, and we stand on the threshold of a new one, with gratitude we remember that you have been our patron.

And our thoughts go out to you winged with wishes that health and happiness may ever be yours and that success in full measure may attend your future days.

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COL. MABREY OUT AS 140TH'S COMMANDER

Col. Warren L. Mabrey, commander of the 140th Infantry, Missouri National Guard, has been relieved of his command, according to information here today.

Orders to Lieut. Colonel Kenrick Burrough, Cape Girardeau attorney, to take charge of the regiment, were received December 19. Col. Mabrey, in the same orders, was requested to turn over the money, property and all equipment of the regiment to the lieutenant colonel.

Personal investigation into the affairs of the regiment was made here last week by Col. Fred W. Manchester, assistant to the State Adjutant.—Cape Missourian.

FOX STAR IN STIRRING SHEIKLAND PICTURE

John Gilbert, the William Fox star, will be at the Malone Theatre next Wednesday in "Ariabian Love", a stirring story set in the Arabian desert with its sheiks its outlawry, its cruelty and its charm.

Gilbert plays the part of a white man who has been driven by necessity to join a band of Arab outlaws and who finds the band a good refuge—until he meets a white girl captive from a looted caravan. He wins his girl from the band, helps her to escape, and falls in love with her. She thanks her gallant rescuer, and does not learn until their romance has progressed into a deep love that Gilbert is a fugitive charged with the murder of her husband. The story is said to have all the dashing romance and thrill of the desert life.

Barbara Bedford plays opposite Gilbert.

Two thousand deadly weapons taken from persons arrested in New York during the year were hauled to sea Tuesday and dumped. They included more than 1500 pistols, 112 rifles and an assortment of knives, daggers, black-jacks and slugs.

Free seed went dow to defeat in the House Friday when an amendment offerd by Representative Langley (Rep.) of Kentucky to add an appropriation of $360,000 to the agricultural appropriation bill for distribution of seed by members of Congress, was voted down, 74 to 71.

Mrs. Sue Stallcup of Washington is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Stallcup.

Mrs. Wm. E. Payne, Mrs. Byron Guhtrie of Charleston, Misses Mary and Catherine Blanton were dinner guests Wednesday of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blanton.

A Highlander who prided himself on being able to play any tune on the pipes perched himself on the side of one of his native hills on Sunday morning and commenced blowing for all he was worth. Presently the minister came along, and, going up to MacDougall with the intention of severely reprimanding him, asked in a very harsh voice: "MacDougall, do you know the Ten Commandments?" MacDoougall scratched his chin for a moment, and then, in an equally harsh vocie, said: "D'e think you've beat me? Just whistle the first thre or four bars, and I'll hae a try at it".—The Argonaut.

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The Holidays and the New Year

As we draw near the close of the year, we are conscious of the fact that we owe you a debt of gratitude for your friendship, without which the success of our business would be impossible.

We convey to you a word of thanks and cordial greetings, together with the sincere wish that the year 1923 will bring to you and yours much happiness, prosperity and contentment in plenteous measure.

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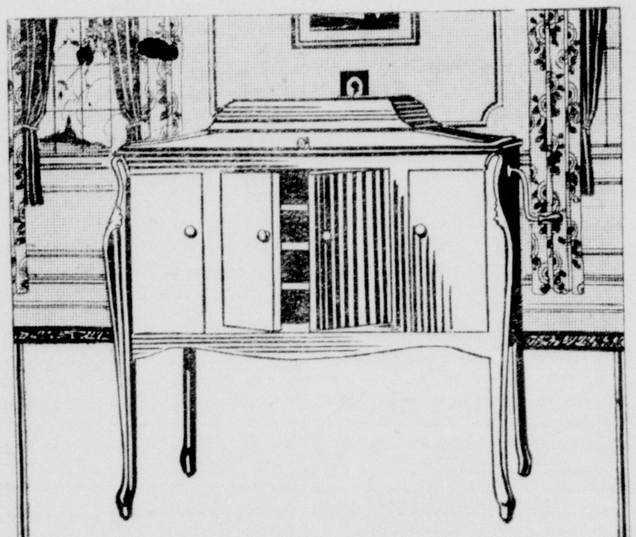

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce Ralph McCullough of Morley for Superintendent of Schools of Scott County, subject to the will of the voters at the April, 1923, election.

We are authorized to announce Jno. H. Goodin of Benton for Superintendent of Schools of Scott County, subject to the will of the voters at the April, 1923, election.

Small turkeys are better than big turkeys because there isn't so much hash on a small turkey.

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The editor's house on Christmas Day was a home of fuss, feasting and happiness. Our eight children and three grandchildren were present with Dr. Blanton, wife and two children, Stella Strack of Benton, and Foster Bruton of Columbia. On this occasion old trouble was laid aside and the day given to enjoyment.

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J. W. Sarff of Morehouse gave us a phone message Christmas morning to say that Santa Claus had sent nine pigs to the sow that he recently purchased at the L. H. Glover sale at Kansas City. They are by Liberator, the greatest Poland China male ever sired. Mr. Sarff seemed to be doing well at the time the message was sent.

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This issue of The Standard goes into every home in Sikeston. If any who are not already taking the paper desire to have it sent to their address for 1923, we would be glad to have them call at once. The management would like to place the paper in every home in this trade territory, but wouldn't give a penny for a list anywhere else. We shall try hard to make the paper worth the price and to be an asset to the community and solicit the co-operation of all.

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Sikeston has a modiste and designer of women's dresses of no mean ability. While the editor knows nothing about the intricasies of woman's wear, he will say that in Miss Fern Allen, Sikeston has an artist in the line of designing and executing woman's dresses that all should be proud of. Miss Allen has recently designed and made, several evening dresses that have been the equal of any brought in by the local merchants. It is very probable that she will spend a few weeks in Chicago this spring and take a course in designing to better enable her to give her patrons the best service.

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One of our letter writers undertakes to tell us why Mr. Wilson's name is always applauded when it is mentioned at any public gathering. Great Scott! Whose name would we applaud if not that of the man who gave us the only going ideal the world has before it in these parlous times? Mr. Wilson wanted us to quit fighting. Are we quitting or not? Well, everybody is so afraid to fight in the dispute over the Dardanelles and that over reparations that a dozen wars have gone by the borad within the last few weeks. He thought it would be easier for us to rid ourselves of war if we got off of one another's premises. Are we getting off? Well, the Japanese sail for home from some place in the East every week, and the British got out of Ireland the other day. There is a great idea blowing about on the wind. It is in all the seven seas and upon their shores. It is the idea that man as a predatory beast is not a success. Where did we get that idea? From Mr. Wilson. He did not need the League of Nations. He needed nothing but the welter into which the world got itself. Did he lose the 14 points? It doesn't matter. The ideal of peace lives. It gathers strength and force. It is the biggest thing in the world—the only perfect ideal the crazy old world has ever had. Is it, then, any wonder that when Mr. Wilson's name is mentioned the audience chers? No, indeed. At that, we have not begun to cheer yet.—Clark McAdams in Post-Dispatch.

The Church and War

There are about 140,000 ministers and priests in the United States. Before and after the World War they were for peace. During the war they were for war. Why was this? Because the people were for peace before and after the war and for war during the war, and the church, as the institution that reflects their emotional states, taught a corresponding doctrines. But why did the church gradually swing over to a war attitude, even before the United States went to war? First, because the American people were being gradually won over to the war position by the newspapers and the other propaganda forces, second, because the church, with annual expenditure of more than a third of a billion dollars, must go for financial assistance to the same group of financial interests that were using the newspapers to make a war. The ruling classes have had many reasons for making wars, but whatever the reason, they have always had a dependable ally in the emotional exaltation that was stirred up by the church. Historically it is quite fair to say that one of the functions of the church has been to arouse people in order that they might be more eager to fight. Certainly that is the experience of the past century. There have been Friends, Mennonites and other small sects that have made an honorable record as opponents to war. Jesus and His immediate followers (with the possible exception of Peter) were pacifists, but since the institutionalizing of the Christian Church, and its expropriation by Constantine, it has been consistently and invariably pro-war.—the Nation.

The Sikeston merchants with few exceptions had their places of business decorated in keeping with the occasion. Business was very good and few articles will have to be carried over.

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It must ruffle certain Congressmen not a little to go back home and see a constituent now and then spending a few dollars on a new house or a car and realize that there goes some money the Government hasn't got.—Kansas City Star.

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Mrs. Joe Brasher of Caruthersville spent Christmas in this city with her mother, Mrs. Reva Smith. The Standard was honored with a call from Mrs. Brasher while here. At an early date she will dispose of the herd of Big Type Polands that her husband owned at the time of his death, among the number being a young male by Revelation, a National Grand Champion.

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Many of our readers have expressed regrets that The Standard will be issued but once a week. These are appreciated by the management very much, but the lack of sufficient support from our merchants and the slow collections from subscribers, has compelled the change before it was forced on us by the sheriff. Just as soon as the demand for space comes from the business men just then will the twice-a-week editions be resumed.

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Tuesday, February 20, 1923, C. L. Blanton & Sons will offer to the public at the McCord barn in Sikeston, 35 head of Big Type Poland bred sows and bred and open gilts. This offering will contain just as good individuals as was ever put in a sales ring in Southeast Missouri. For the past 3 years Milton and Ben Blanton have put in as long hours with their herd as any man in the state, have worked hard with little or no capital, and unless the farmer public and the breeders of the community give them better support than the last sale or two they had, they will have to sacrifice their herd to he butcher, lose all their houses, fencing, etc. It is hard to have the ambition of boys crushed but the senior member of the firm, who is a silent figure, cannot finance them further.

"BOSTON BLACKIE" COMING SOON TO MALONE THEATRE

A good crook melodrama with a brand new angle is a rare and pleasing thing in the movies. "The Face in the Fog" featuring Lionel Barrymore and Seena Owen and with Lowell Sherman heading the supporting cast, is said to furnish just such a story. The picture, which is a Paramount, will be seen at the Malone Theatre tonight (Friday).

"The Face in the Fog" was adapted from one of Jack Boyle's popular "Boston Blackie" stories Lionel Barrymore is seen as the famous crook. However, in this story, "Blackie" has reformed and is leading the life of a respectable citizen of New York. Quite innocent he and his wife "Mary" become involved in the schemes of a gang of international crooks to rob an expatriated Russian princess of her diamond heirlooms.

"Blackie" at once jumps into the swim on the side of righteousness and adapting some of the stratagems and tricks of the trade that he learned during his sojourn in the underworld, foils the villians, after a series of hair-raising and unusual adventures that take one behind the scenes in Broadway night life.

Lionel Barrymore is said to do some of the best work of his career as "Boston Blackie". Mary McLaren, former Universal star, is "Mary", and Seena Owen is seen as the princess. Lowell Sherman has an important role.

In 1890 the editor was living at Oran and soon after getting there he met a young man, 90 yars old, and he said to me: "Doctor have you a wife?" I answered yes, sir. He said: "Well, I want to tell you that she was mighty easy pleased".—Charleston Index.

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The Standard has no new resolves to make for the year 1923, but will endeavor to give a square deal to the public and to individuals. It will be its aim to advocate the things th t are best for the community and condemn those that are a detriment. The bootlegger, the seducer, the ravisher, the law breaker, need expect no favors as they will get none and it matters not whose toes are stepped on.

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The government in the Union of South Africa is furnishing poison free to farmers and lending spray pumps in a campaign being made against voetgangers, or locusts. With the coming of spring in South Africa a few weeks ago the voetgangers became a dangerous pest. The law requires the occupant of land to report the appearance of locusts to the government. He is also held responsible for destroying them on land he occupies, but the government gives him the poison and the tools to do it with, having gathered large supplies of poison and spray pumps at convenient points.

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In a speech before the primary Ralph Lozier, now Congressman from the second district, stated that he was opposed to bonds of any kind being exempt from taxation, and if elected would take steps looking to the taxing of all bonds. We hope such will be his very first official act. In the speech referred to he stated that Secretary of the Treasury Mellon is worth 90 million dollars, 60 million of which he has in bonds and on which he pays not one cent tax. If such birds as Mellon, who never did a real day's work in his life, but worked the other fellow to a finish, had to pay a just tax on every dollar they own, the ordinary man would not be staggering under a tax burden that is making his eyes stick out.—Higbee News.

An Unsportsmanlike Claim

The Sikeston Standard, in an article published in its Friday issue and signed "Spectator" again opens the dispute which resulted from a mistaken decision made by the referee of the football game played in that city on November 3 between Charleston and Sikeston. The writer not only goes into a lengthy thesis in an effort to prove that Sikeston should be entitled to credit for the contest, but also goes out of his (or her) way to accuse Coach Ossenfort nad J. M. Haw of this city, of "unfair and unsportsmanlike conduct" as a result of their trip to Cape Girardeau the day following the game to present to the referee the rule under which an erroneous decision had been made upon the field of play. It seems to us that an accusation of poor sportsmanship comes with very poor grace from the author of the article in question.

Charleston and Sikeston were playing a game under the recognized rules of football. Due to the failure of the referee to know these rules fully, he erred, just as a trial judge sometimes errs in his decisions on the bench. The play in which the error was made was an unusual one, and one in which an error was excusable. Charleston protested the ruling and continued to play under protest, and shortly after the game was over the rule govering the play was found by which the referee's previous decision was proved erroneous and which, if the referee had known at the time, would have given Charleston the game on the field. Coach Ossenfort, members of the team and Mr. Haw, the latter only as a friend of the team, motored to Cape Girardeau the following day, presented the rule to the referee and obtained an admission from him that his previous decision was wrong under the rules, and that Charleston was entitled to the game instead of Sikeston.

It seems to us that if the game is to be played under certain rules, these rules should apply alike to the two teams at contest. To give Sikeston a game, which, under the rules, belongs to Charleston by a score of 6-2, might seem a fair and sportsmanlike procedure to the fans of Sikeston, but we doubt if any unbiased authority would so decide. If the rule book, as in the case at issue, syas that a ball blocked behind the line of scrimmage counts as a safety, by what twist of imagination can it be claimed that it should be counted as a tuochdown? Even had the referee in the case refuse to recognize his mistaken ruling, would it be right for "Spectator", whoever the alias conceals, to claim the decision, knowing it to be wrong? Isn't there such a thing as honesty in football, as in everything else?

As a lover of fair, clean football, the editor of this paper regrets than an occasion for this dispute arose, but at the same time we fail to see any possible ground for establishing the claim on the part of "Spectator", that Sikeston was entitled to this game, unless the rule book is to be discarded and the referee's admission of error disregarded. As to the charges of unfairness and unsportsmanlike conduct against Coach Ossenfort and J. M. Haw, such charges, coming from one of "Spectator's" evident viewpoint, are humorous.—Charleston Courier.

Grain Trade Bunc

The president of the Chicago Board of Trade says prohibition has lowered the price of grain, the inference being that the bear gamblers have not.

That is what the brewers and distillers began telling us about prohibition 30 years ago, as one state after another went "dry". Notwithsanding, grain prices on he whole continued to advance further than they receded in the quarter century preceding the war. Since that time the world has never seen such extreme need for breadstuffs and hasn't enough to eat today.

California grape growers supposed national prohibition would render their vineyards useless. Instead the demand for unfermented grapejuice, and the wider use of raisins as a food, requires them to grow five or six times as many grapes as formerly were turned into wine. In the same way the use of corn and malt grains hsa multiplied. Malted milk has an enormous sale.

John Barleycorn as a grain buyer never has been missed. The loss of his trade by farmers was almost immediately compensated for by an improved American standard of living, coincident and consequent upon the lessening of the drink evil. The president of the Chicago Board of Trade is talking bunc.—Capper's Farmer.

Leon Heisserer and Mrs. Catherine Norrid of Benton were recently married. Leon is a son of W. H. Heisserer, while the bride is a daughter of the late William Hunter. The Standard extens congratulations.

Mrs. Laura Smith had a family dinner on Wednesday.

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Cash paid for everything

We Wish You Heartily the Season's Greetings

Prompted by a sense of deep appreciation and an earnest desire to convey to our good friends and patrons our feeling toward them, we send this greeting. As the tide of good wishes flow to you during the Joyous Holiday Season, we assure you that none are more sincere than ours for your prosperity and unlimited happiness.

Yes, we wish you a Merry Christmas and may it be the merriest one the world has even seen in all the centuries which have passed since that first glorious Christmas Day far off in Bethlehem.

In the Yuletide joy we shall not forget to say here that we deeply appreciate the loyal patronage, the friendship and good will of the many friends of

Pinnell Store Co.

The Joy We Wish for You

We wish for you that the highways of your lifeway may be resplendent with the blossoms of tender service, may you give and receive friendship; give love, faith and confidence and receive the full measure of reward; may you and your loved ones enjoy the Christmas season and may the New Year unfold to you a great measure of true happiness and prosperity of lasting nature.

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May the New Year be a prosperous and fruitful one, may joy and recompense come to you. May it be our privilege to help add to your success.

With hearty good wishes from every member of this Company to YOU and YOURS for a Prosperous Nineteen Twenty-Three.

The Little Daisy
Bert Swinney, Prop.

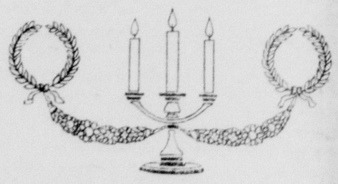
Not because it is an honored custom, but because of the sincerity of our appreciation, we take this opportunity to thank you for the part you have played in our business prosperity, and we wish you a Happy New Year.

THE GEM---Dode's Place

My Holiday Toast To You

May all things that impart delight
Be richly spread upon your board,
And may you have an appetite
Demanding all you can afford.

Ed Wilson's Place



The good will of the Christmas season
reminds us of your good will
throughout the year
for which we give our heartfelt thanks.
May happiness, prosperity and great success
be yours throughout the coming year.

Citizens Store Company

GREETINGS

At this season our thoughts revert gratefully to those whose courtesy, co-operation and loyalty have assisted in making ours the

Leading Bakery of Southeast Mo.

SCHORLE BROS. BAKING CO.

, Mrs. B. F. Blanton and daughter Emily and Ben Blanton visited in Cairo Thursday.

Miss Alfreda Denon will return to Browns Business College at St. Louis Tuesday, where she is a student.

Clyde King of Eldorado, Ill., returned to his home Tuesday, aftr a pleasant visit at the home of Miss Alfreda Denton.

Miss Jacobs, who has been on an extended visit with Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Kready, returned to her home in Forth, Kansas Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Wilson entertained with a six o'clock dinner Wednesday evening, Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Dover of St. Louis, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Matthews and Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Wilson.

The following young ladies were dinner guests of Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Kready on Christmas evening, complimentary to Miss Helen Calder, he house guest of Miss Helen Kready: Misses Honora Bailey, Dixie Fox, Fleta Kiser and Flora Ing of Poplar Bluff.

On January 11th, the first of a series of high class entertainments that will be financed by the members of the Methodist Church will be an organ recital by Charles Galloway, which promises to be very fine. These entertainments will be free, but a silver offering will be accepted at the door.

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Erle B. Belden and wife of Decatur, Ill., to Lawrence B. Miller and wife of Macon County, Ill. 195 acres of land in sec. 30, twp. 25, range 13. $30,000.

Joe Craig to W. H. & Orpha Trout all of New Madrid County: All of the NW¼ of the SW¼, sec. 8, wp. 22, range 12 containing 40 acres. $3,000.

John T. Pearson and wife to G. B. Sherrell of New Madrid County: SW¼ sec. 5, twp. 21, range 11, containing 155.41 acres. $14,250.

W. M. Busby and wife of Willow Springs to William Hartman of Cape Girardeau County: The E½ of lots 8, 9, 10 and 11 in block 3 in the original town of Matthews. $400.

Same parties to Mrs. Mary Davis of Cape County: All of the W½ of lots 8, 9, 10 and 11 in block 3 in the original town of Mattehsw $800.

N. E. Fuchs, et al of Scott County to Mrs. Ruth E. Swansey of Lilbourn: A portion of ground located between the right of way of St. Louis Southwestern R. R. and San Francisco R. R. in range A city of Lilbourn; also all that par of NW¼ of NE¼ sec. 35, twp. 23, range 13 lying south of the right-of-way of St. Louis San Francisco R. R. east of the right of way of St. Louis and San Francisco R. R. For a more paricular description see book 79 page 194 New Madrid County Records. $1.00 and exchange of real estate.

S. J. Harris and wife of Gideon to Andy Miller of New Madrid Co. Lot 6, block 2 town of Hartzell. $50.00

Wm. Pryor and wife to Charles C. Fields of New Madrid Couny: All of lot 8, block 32 and 20 feet off of the West side of lot 7 from front to the alley De Lisle's 1st add. to the city of Portageville. $1000.

Marriage License

Claude Cooper and Mildred Bailey, both of Point Pleasant.

Donnie Durbin of Point Pleasant and Pearlie Williford of Conran.

William Ponter and Willa E. Freeman, both of Conran.

Hugh Garrison and Myrtle Hardin, both of Conran.

Clarence Brown of Lilbourn and Ruby Johnson of Catron.

Miss Louise Purdy of Poplar Bluff was a visitor to Miss Denton during the holidays and attended the Christmas dance.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Prow entertained with a six o'clock dinner Wednesday complimentary to their daughter, Miss Mary Ethel, who is at home from Hollin's College. Covers were laid for Misses Francoise Black, Mary Blanton, Catherine Blanton, and Mary Ethel Prowe, Lewis Emory Baker, Paul Gilbert, Riley Brown of Charleston and Foster Bruton of Columbia.

TREASURES IN TOMB OF KING TUTANKHAMIN

New York, Dec. 26.—The Metropolitan Museum of Art will receive ancient objects of intrest and great value, according to a special cable dispatch from London yestrday if the Earl of Carnarvon can obtain the consent of the Egyptian Government.

Lord Carnarvon's explorations recently tapped the tomb of King Tutankhamin in the "Valley of the Kings" or Royal Necropolis of the Theban Empire, disclosi of the greatest archaeological find of modern times. Although thousands of objects whose total value runs into millions have been found, the work is not yet complete. In a sealed chamber, yet untouchd, there are probably things beyond an archaeologist's dream.

Holding the keenest appreciation for the excavation work done by Harry Burton, a member of the staff of the Metropolitan Museum, Lord Carnarvon, the dispach said, is urging the Egyptian Government to show its recognition of the munificence displayed by the Metropolitan on behalf of Egyptian archaeology by giving the museum a substantial present.

The Museum at Cairo has first right to every object discovered by Lord Carnarvon and his staff of workers, buut it is said in London, there is no disposition on the part of the Egyptian authorities to forget American help in the work of exploration.

Among the most recent finds in this wonderful omb are two life-sized figures dressed in magnificent coats of mail. On examination the armor was found to be fashioned entirely of turquoises, beautiful beyond description, and worked with a skill and sense of art far beyond anything discovered in ancient Greece.

These figures are described as beign of fabulous archaeological interest value. It is believed Lord Carnarvon desires the Metropolitan Museum collection be enriched by a gift of one of them.

When Edward Robinson, director of the Metropolitan Museum, was asked yesterday about the possible gift, he said the report, although unofficial, was a gratifying surprise to him. He had no intimiation Lord Carnarvon was trying to obtain any of the King Tutankhamin relics for the Metropolitan. The museum had no title or right to any of them, he explaind; but, appreciating their rare value, would be more than delighted to receive any the Egyptian Government might generously give.

Lord Carnarvon's excavations were carried on through the active assistance of Howard Carter, American archaeologist, in a region long thought to have been exhausted of treasure. They went down to bed rock, moving 200,000 tons of rubbish, earth and stone, working directly in front of the important tomb of Ramses VI, long open to touriss. November 5 Mr. Carter reached a wall on which was faintly discernible the seal of hte royal nercropolis. Behind it lay the treasure house.

The two outer chambers, each containing a multiciplicy of objects, had been robbed in ancient times, probably by natives, who carried away gold and silver. The thefts had been discovered and the chambers resealed. The objects left, some broken but many in perfect condition, littered the passageways and so filled the chambers that work of opening an inner chamber, thought to contain the sarcophagus of King Tutankhamin, could not be started.

Among the objects found in the outer chambers, besides the two coats of mail, were two life size statues of King Tutankhamin, one in perfect condition, and a marvel of workmanship; huge gilded coaches, beds, chariots, walking sticks, alabaster vases and a variety of boxes, some painted and others with every sort of costly inlay. One of the most valuable objects wsa a throne, its back panel portraying the King and Queen, the figures being worked in semi-precious carved stones inlaid in wood.

The chamber leading to the actual vault of the King was filled to a depth of five feet with furniture, statuettes boxes and every other conceivable object.

W. S. Way spent Xmas in Cape Girardeau with his sister and family, Judge and Mrs. Misfeldt.

Here's to the McCuthchen's of the picure show! May the New Year bring them increased patronage and they continue to give us the same high class entertainment they are now giving.

Henry Meldrum Post of the American Legion at a meeting Wednesday evening elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Commander, John Inman; Vice-Commander, Ray Hudson; Adjutant, John Humble; Finance Officer, Robley Lennox; Insurance Officer, G. W. Presnell; Historian, Green Lescher; Chaplain, Father Woods.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE

The Woman's Club of Sikeston and their husbands will, on Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock, at the Hotel Marshall, entertain the members of the Chamber of Commerce and their wives, and the Lions Club and their wives and the tachers of the Grade and High School.

Prof. Douglass, of the Southeast Missouri Teachers' College, will give a talk on "World Problems". Those who were fortunate enough to hear Prof. Douglass last year will be glad to hear of his return visit. There will also be several musical numbers and a very enjoyable evening is anticipated.

DR. WILBUR F. CRAFTS, NOTED PROHIBITION WORKER, DIES

Washington, Dec. 27.—Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts, for 28 years superintendent of the International Reform Bureau, which he founded, and widely known because of his activities on behalf of prohibition and similar movements, died at a hospital here today of pneumonia. He was 73 years old.

Dr. Crafts, charged by opponents of legislation he sponsored with being a "Reform fanatic", was for years a picturesque figure in congressional lobbies and committee rooms. By those in sympathy with his policies he was credited with having an influential part in enactment of prohibition, of laws to restrict the use of narcotics and of legislation of similar nature. Outspoken in his opposition to Sunday amusement, Dr. Crafts sought to have them banned by legislation.

After funeral services here tomorrow the body will be sent to Westerly, R. I., for burial.

Baptist Church

9:30—Sunday School classes for all ages and grades. J. C. Horne Supt.

11:00—Morning worship. Good singing. The pastor has a message on: "The Immortality of Our Influence" from the text "He being dead yet speaketh."

6:30—The B. Y. P. U. Meets for Bible Study and social worship. Mission study about China.

7:30—Evening worship. Good music led by the choir. The pastor will speak on "Opening the Windows of Heaven" or "Giving God a Chance in Your Life".

This is the last Sunday in the year. Come to the House of the Lord. We all need the spiritual uplift of the preached word and the fellowship of social worship. A cordial welcome awaits you at our church.

REV. S. P. BRITE, Pastor

Methodist Church

9:30.—Sunday School.

10:45.—Preaching: "A New Year Message".

2:00.—Junior League.

6:30.—Intermediate and Senior Leagues.

7:30.—Preaching. Subject: "Our Pattern".

We extend to all a cordial invitation to worship with us in these services. Start the New Year with a resolution to attend church regularly. We welcome you.

THOS. B. MATHER, Pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Buchanan visited Mr. and Mrs. Hufstedler at Cape Girardeau this week.

Miss Gretchen Dunaway, teacher at Harrisburg, Ill., and who is spending the holidays with her parents at Morehouse, was a Sikeston visitor Thursday.

Audrey Myers, son of Irvin Myers living near Blodgett, received the Ford touring car given away by the Farmers Supply Company last Saturday afternoon. Much interest was manifested in this gift and the Farmers Supply Co., the Stubbs Clothing Co., Eagle Drug Store, Dudley's Place and Walpole's Meat Market, gave away thousands of tickets.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Clay of Mexico, Mo., is spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Stallcup and Mr and Mrs. E. A. Lawrence

Southeast Missouri will remember the year of 1922 as one of the most disastrous ever experienced in any agricultural community. Hard times with the merchant and business man from the highest to the lowest. It is hoped the year 1923 will bring relief all along the line.

Mrs. Ed Crowe and son Henry, of Dexter, were guests of relatives in Sikeston this week.

The house on Williams street occupied by W. P. Wilkinson and owned by Jack Shelton, sent in alarm Wednesday night shortly after 8:00 o'clock that called on the fire department. It was the flue burning out and no particular damage was done.

Sikeston Standard $1.50 per year.

Fred A. Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Young, who has been attending the Gem City Business College at Quincy, Ill., is at home for the holidays.

Sikeston De Molay Chapter will give a New Year's dance at the City Hall Monday evening. Music from Cairo, and the price will be $2.50 per couple. The public is invited.

MALONE THEATRE
Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 1 and 2

She's Irresistible!

You'll see a new and greater Gloria Swanson in this picture. Gloria as a gay divorcee, tarnished by the tongues of scandal shocking the gilded Monte Carlo throngs with her daring—and breaking her heart in silence.

Gloria wearing wonderful new gowns, which she went to Paris to get especially for this picture. Gloria flirting on the beach at Deauville, French society's famous playground, amid a hundred one-piece bathing beauties.

A dazzling fashion show and a mighty heart-drama! With Conrad Nagel, June Elvirdge and Robert Cain in the supporting cast.

Gloria Swanson in

"The Impossible Mrs. Bellew"

A Sam Wood Production
From the novel by David Lisle
Scenario by Percy Heath

ALSO SNUB POLLARD COMEDY
"Bride-to-Be"
AND NEWS

Matinee Monday Afternoon at 2:30
Admission 20c and 40c

At this season our thoughts go out in gratitude to our friends who have made our past year's business successful. May the coming year bring you Happiness and Prosperity.

Sikeston Cleaning and Tailoring Co.
ELMER MATTHEWS

At this season we like to feel that in a broad sense our patrons are our partners. That our success is but a reflection of yours. And so on the eve of a New Year we thank you and sincerely hope the coming months will bring you greater happiness and prosperity than ever before.

MALONE THEATRE

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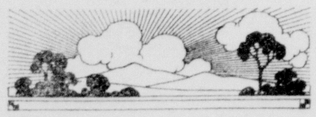
Randol Wilson, House Manager
Sylvia Arbaugh, Cashier
Marion "Shorty" Hardy, Operator
Mrs. Ernest Swanner, Pianist
Leland Payne, Drummer



Appreciating our pleasant business relations during the past we wish you the compliments of the Season and trust that the coming New Year will bring the best you have ever known in Happiness and Prosperity.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS FROM MATTHEWS

George Clifford of Chicago is the guest of Miss Addie James this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Butt and children spent Monday in Sikeston with relatives.

Mrs. Cecila Davis of Ohio is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Prouty this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Emory and children spent Xmas in East Prairie with relatives.

Mrs. Albert Deane and little daughter and Mrs. Loy Roberts were Sikeston visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Kerr of New Madrid attended the Xmas entainment here Monday evening.

Misses Ella and Della Harper of Sikeson are the guests of their cousin, Miss Dorothy Waters this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Swartz and Mr. and Mrs. George Steele attended the Christmas dance in Sikeston Monday evening.

A large number of people from Canalou, New Madrid and Kewanee attended the entertainment here Monday evening.

Luther Dockins returned to his home in Cape Girardeau Tuesday after spending Xmas with his aunt Mrs. L. Deane.

Mr. and Mrs. George Reed and daughter and son, Flossie and Clifford, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. M. H Sutton and chidren were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Warren's Wednesday.

Clarence Morgan returned to his home in Mimmons, Arkansas Monday after a few days visit with his aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. Dave Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. Newell Arnold and little daughter Madge of Cape Girardeau and Mrs. Fred French of Chaffee spent Xmas with Mr. and Mrs. Luke French.

Several of our citizens motored to New Madrid Wednesday to attend the trial of Dick Carr, who shot and killed Roy Woodard at Hough December 17. The trial was put off until January 2nd.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Clarke died at the home of Mrs. Clarke's mother Mrs. Arthur Yates, two miles west of Matthwes Tuesday. Rev. Tom Mills conducted the funeral services at the Mehodist church Wednesday afternoon, after which the remains were laid to rest in the Matthews cemetery.

The Xmas Cartata and tree Monday evening was voted by all a grand success. Much praise is due the ladies who had given their untiring efforts in training the children so wonderfully. Also the men who had such a wonderful tree and did all they could to help in every respect. The ladies in charge of the program were Mesdames Leon Swartz Oscar Carrol Frank. Rateliff and W. H Deane, The gentlemen who provided the nice tree were Frank Rateliff, Leon Swartz G. F. Deane and B. F. Swartz. There was the largest crowd that had ever assembled at Matthews before an entertainment and the order was simply splendid. There were treats on the tree for every child.

Woolard Baker returned to Memphis Wednesday, accompanied by his grandmother, Mrs. H. W. Baker, Sr. Mrs. Baker expects to be gone two months.

New Year's Greetings

Our business relations have been most pleasant and we take advantage of the present season to send you best wishes for the New Year.

Elite Hat Shop

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WEEK OF JANUARY 1st

Nights 7:15 O'clock

Monday and Tuesday, January 1 and 2

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IN

"Impossible Mrs. Billew"

Also Snub Comedy "Bride-to-be" and News

20c and 40c

Gloria Swanson and Mickey Moore in a Scene from the Paramount Picture "The Impossible Mrs. Bellew"

Wednesday, January 3

John Gilbert in

"Arabian Love"

Also News. 10c and 20c

Thursday, January 4

Miss Dupont in

"Rage of Paris"

Also Movie Chat

10c and 20c

Friday, January 5

SPECIAL FEATURE

Wallace Reid and Lila Lee in

"The Dictator"

By Richard Harding Davis

Supported by Theodore Kosloff

Also a St. John Comedy, "Straight from Farm"

And Aesops Fables 10c and 30c

Saturday, January 6

Frank Mayo in

"Doctor Jim"

Also Ruth Roland in

"The Timber Queen", Episode 4

Matinee 2:30, Night 7:15 10c and 20c

Coming: "The Pride of Palomar"

Peter B. Kyne Story

The Joy We Wish for You

We wish for you that the highways of your lifeway may be resplendent with the blossoms of tender service, may you give and receive friendship; give love, faith and confidence and receive the full measure of reward; may you and your loved ones enjoy the Christmas season and may the New Year unfold to you a great measure of true happiness and prosperity lasting nature.

ELI ABLES

The Message of the Bells

RING, ring, O bells of Christmas-tide,
Your joyful message far and wide;
Through all the land proclaim
This is the blessed Day of days
When here, to walk earth's troubled ways,
The Lord our Savior came!

O not with pomp and splendor fine,
But 'mongst the lowly sheep and kine,
And cradled in the straw,
He came, and low the path He trod
Always—the greatest gift from God
An erring world e'er saw.

As in the dawning eastern skies
The Wise Men watched the Star arise
That heralded His birth,
Thus we await God's Kingdom come,
When man and all God's creatures dumb
Shall dwell upon this earth

In brotherhood; when war shall cease
And Love and Universal Peace—
Their banners white unfurled—
With tenderness and gentle sway,
Their watchword "Mercy," shall for aye
Prevail throughout the world!

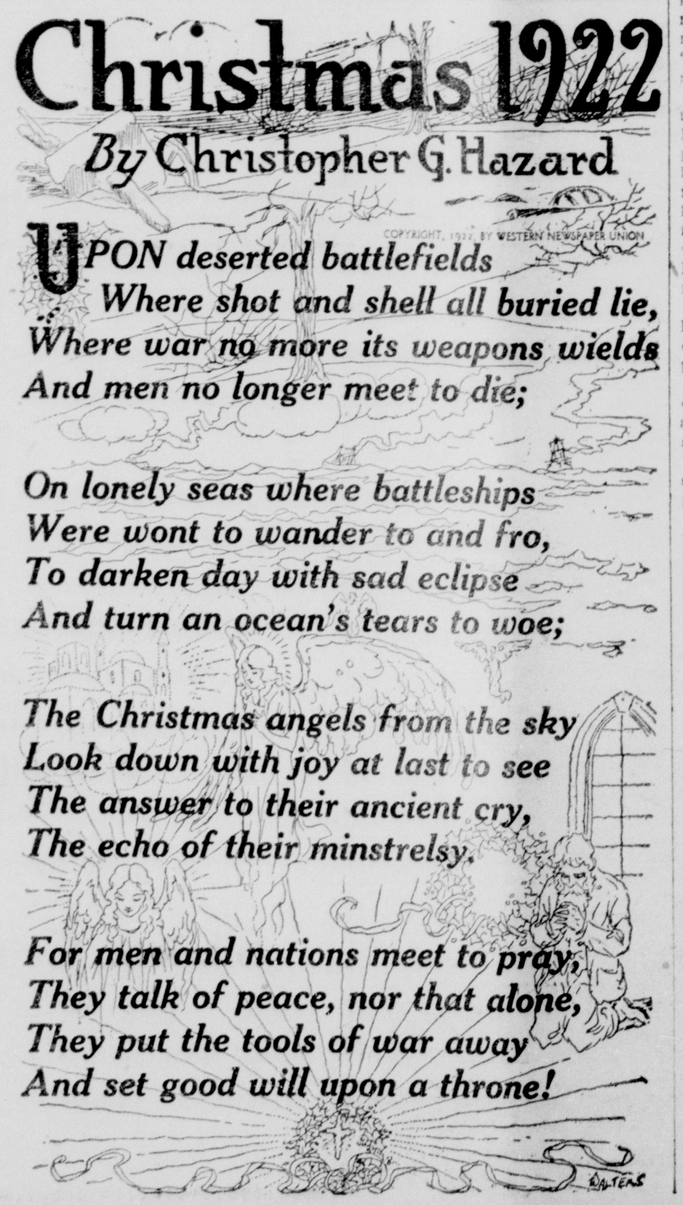
Fling out your message, O ye bells,
Your cadence silvery foretells
The gracious times to be
When sweet Compassion, angel fair,
O'er this our land and everywhere
Shall brood perpetually!

—Lovella C. Peck.

THE CHILDLESS ONES

IT IS at Christmas time we feel it most,
When in the close packed stores
The mothers, anxious-eyed, maybe of slender purse,
Weigh this doll's hat against that box of ducks,
Or choose a string of gorgeous, glittering balls
To grace the Christmas tree.
We press along the crowded aisles and eye
The endless toys, the fascinating tiny sets
Of tea things, the dolls' trunks, the furniture,
Sometimes we even buy; why should we not pretend,
Just for a little while, that there's someone at home
Belonging to us—of our very own—
Whose stockings must be filled?
'Tis like enough we have worked hard to aid
With many little gifts the lucky ones
Whose quivers are too full;
But in the glowing avenue's late afternoon,
When swarms flit past us of those busy folk
Whose arms are piled with sleds and drums and such,
Whose pockets bulge with candy,
And we walk on toward home with empty hands
Because we need buy nothing, nothing, nothing—
It is at Christmas we feel it most!

—Ethel Wolff, in New York Times.



"MR. BOB"

By GEORGIA F. HARRIS

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Little Bobbie's eyes were popping with excitement as he burst into the living room, where his mother sat reading the evening paper.

"See, mother," he cried, breathlessly, as he pulled a large, brown envelope from his blouse, "I met a man down the road, and he told me to give you this for your business."

As Mrs. Merwin tore open the envelope, she gave a quick start of surprise. A large roll of bills lay before her!

"Why, Bobbie, boy!" she exclaimed, her pretty face showing her bewilderment, "tell mother everything that happened."

Bobbie had now regained his breath. "I was pickin' daisies over in Jenkins' field, and when I was comin' home, I met Mr. Bob."

Mrs. Merwin was silent for a few moments. "Did he ask you about your father?" she finally asked.

"Yep, and I told him my dad ain't been 'round here for ever so long—"

"What did he say when he gave you the money?" interrupted Mrs. Merwin, as she nervously fingered the large roll of bills.

"He just told me to give it to you for your business, then—" Bobbie hesitated, as if preparing for a confession—"he kissed me—just like I was a girl—and told me to bring the envelope right home to you."

Letty Merwin took the money from the drawer. She stared at the large roll of bills, as if searching for an answer to the burning questions in her brain.

Why had Bob Merwin, for surely it was he, sent her this money? Memories of her father's anger when he had driven Robert from the house, of her remorse because she had told her father of the quarrel with Robert, and of Robert's wrath as he swore never to look again at the wife who was ruled by an unreasonable father, loomed up with startling clearness, as she meditated.

Suddenly, with an apprehensive shiver, she snatched up the evening paper and searched for a little item which, earlier in the evening, had received but a glance. Yes, there it was—"Whiteton general store robbed of $1,000. Robert Smith, a clerk in the store, very cleverly made away with $1,000—"

A strange, stern look crept into Letty Merwin's eyes. When last she had heard of Robert he had been working in Whiteton. Before she could put the money into the drawer the door opened and a man stepped into the room.

"Robert Merwin!" burst from Letty's trembling lips.

"I couldn't go away, Letty," murmured the man brokenly. "I tried to, but, somehow, I couldn't. I don't expect your forgiveness," he went on, as she didn't speak, "and I know I shouldn't come; but I met little Bobbie and—" He stopped, for his wife had hastily picked up the money and was silently offering it to him.

"I was afraid you'd feel that way—yet I hoped—"

"You thought I'd take this money?" said Letty.

"I hoped, that is, until—" he paused, for Letty was holding before him the newspaper and was pointing to the robbery item with an accusing finger. "Does that mean anything to you?" she asked quietly—too quietly.

The man read the item without betraying the slightest emotion. "I guess I deserve that—perhaps more," he replied in a low voice. He took a bank book out of his pocket and opened it to a page which showed that $1,000 had been withdrawn a few days before. The book also showed regular weekly deposits for over two years. He then took a bunch of pay envelopes from another pocket.

"I guess these will tell the story," he said slowly, "because the envelopes check up with the bank book deposits."

An ashamed blush reddened Letty's cheeks as she read "Ridgeton National Bank" on the book and noticed a single dollar in the balance column.

"Why didn't you come to me yourself?" she faltered, after an awkward pause.

"I had been looking forward to it for weeks, just waiting for my money to reach the thousand mark. I was nearly home when I met Bobbie and learned from him how things are. Funny—the prattling of a little youngster can really mean a great deal sometimes."

"What did Bobby tell you?" Letty's voice had a suspicious tremor in it.

"He just repeated the gossip that is probably around the village. Evidently he heard some of them say that his dad, who had been away for a long time, would be 'sneaking back,' now that his mother was successful in business." The man turned toward the door.

"The old gossips," cried Letty indignantly. "I didn't know—Bobbie didn't tell me all. They don't know or understand—"

"Understand what?" The man caught his breath sharply.

"Understand that I've always been waiting for you to come back to Bobbie—and me," answered Letty softly. "Can you forgive me?" She pointed to the newspaper item.

"Forgive?" he repeated, a happy light breaking over his tired face. . . .

Together they stole into the room beyond, where Bobbie, with one chubby hand tucked under his chin, lay dreaming.

His Real Name

YOUNG January being poor wears nothing but his skin,
While February in a robe of ermine rare comes in.
March shivers in a worn brown cloak, and April, frail and fair,
Is folded in a rainbow scarf with snowdrops in her hair.
May dons the apple blossom's pink and June the rose's red,
July in faded overalls picks cherries for his bread.
And August treads the sunny fields a stately Indian queen
Apparelled like standing corn in silken gold and green.
September, purple cointured, bears a basket piled with grapes,
Dark amethystine globes from which a juicy dew escapes.
October is a cavalier, so flaunts a crimson plume,
November, telling beads of rain, is cowled in fog and gloom.
But when December comes, behold! he's whiskered, booted, furred,
His ringing laughter like the sound of merry bells is heard.
His arms are filled with many gifts and holly wreaths because
The little children knew him first and named him Santa Claus.

—Minna Irving.

Christmas Land

OH, Christmas Land is not so far,
It's just across the hall
Within the little living room
Where holly decks the wall.
Right in the middle stands a tree
With crimson tinsel gay,
And strange and wondrous is the fruit
It bears on Christmas day.

An apple and an orange grow
Upon the same green bough,
A wagon and a rocking horse,
A sled and spotted cow;
And nuts and sparkling sugar plums,
And drums and skates and horns,
And dolls with flaxen tresses drop
Like pears on windy morns.

But only little boys and girls
That always mind at school
And know their daily lessons well,
And try to keep each rule,
And say their prayers every night,
Can hope to join the band
Of happy children 'round the tree
That grows in Christmas Land.

—Minna Irving, in Kansas City Star.

The Nativity

'TWAS Christmas Eve, and bitter cold,
The wind had ceased to blow;
I saw a cottage by the road
Half buried in the snow.
An upper window showed a light,
And over field and fen,
A joyous peal of bells announced
The birth of Christ again.

Lo, from the lighted window came
A new-born baby's cry,
And o'er the cottage roof, behold,
A star shone in the sky—
Perhaps the very same that stood
O'er Bethlehem of yore,
For Christ in every little child
Is born on earth once more.

—Minna Irving, in Munsey's Magazine.

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New Year 1923

We desire to extend to you the compliments of the season and express our sincere wishes for your happiness at this Christmas time and prosperity the Coming Year with continuance of the cordial relations existing between us.

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THE SIKESTON TAILOR

WOMAN PROMOTER WHO GOT $200,000 IS SENTENCED

Pomeroy, O., Dec. 20.—Mrs. Susan Kraus, who was charged with having obtained more than $200,000 from residents of Pomeroy by questionable financial methods, was sentenced to from one to 20 years in the Marysville Reformatory for Women by by Judge A. P. Miller today.

"It might have been worse" the combrely dressed, 60-year-old woman said to her husband, George Kraus, who was waiting for her in the corridor of the jail.

"Goodby", she called to newspaper men.

The woman was charged with embezzlement.

War-Time Prejudice

State Governors should make haste to follow the example of the chief executive of Illinois and free the unfortunate victims of their vicious anti-sedition legislation. Nor is this enough. As the New York World argues, veery one of these laws (three-fifths of the states have such acts, almost all passed after the war) should be repealed. Better still, perhaps, would be to have them judicially declared unconstitutional, which in fact they undoubtedly are. This is not impossible, as the United States Supreme Court has granted a writ of error in the case of Benjamin Gitlow, convicted under the New York act. It is time to bury forever the absurd attempt to punish a man not for what he does but for what he thinks—what some bigoted zealot thinks he thinks. Or, on the other hand, the cancelling of one of Madame Gadski's concerts and the efforts to prevent Commander von Muecke's lectures are discouraging. Von Muecke is one of the most gallant sailors who ever lived; his marvelous exploits took place long before the United States entered the war and were beyond criticism of illegality. He has, it is reported, been cordially received in England, where they know how to honor a worthy foe and recognize that if he had been in the allied service he would stand out as a chief naval hero of the war.—the Nation.

In Lapland the women have from time immemorial stood on an equal footing with the men of the community. The sexes have equal civil and moral rights and equally severe labor as the daily round.

It is recorded that in the desert of Arabia north of Hail, in the foothills of the Skammar Mountains in February, the thermometer fell 78 degrees a little before sunset, to 18 degrees a quarter of an hour after sunset. Variations of from 30 to 40 degrees in an hour are not unusual.

AGRICULTURAL PAPER MADE ELIGIBLE FOR REDISCOUNT

Washington, Dec. 20.—Bankers' acceptances of six months' maturity, drawn by growers of staple agricultural products or co-operative marketing associations, are eligible for purchase or rediscount by the Federal Reserve banks, under a ruling promulgated today by the Federal Reserve Board as a step in the direction of longer term credits for agriculture.

Officials declared the decision, which makes the agricultural paper eligible for rediscount for six months instead of three, "should be of material assistance to co-operative marketing associations in financing the orderly marketing of crops"

A "Scab's" Rights.

Men who escaped from the Herrin massacre have been telling the story of their experience. It is a story of treachery and cold-blooded atrocity. It is a story of first hand knowledge and there is no cross-examination by counsel for the defense. At the close one of the latter asks one question: "You were one of the guards sent down by the Hargraves agency?" Witness: "Yes". Attorney for defense: "That is all". The theory of defense is "justifiable homicide". The story of atrocity is not shaken. It cannot be shaken. Counsel for the defense merely establishes that the witness and victim was a "scab". "That is all". Is that all? That is a question not only for the jury at Marion but for responsible unionism and for self-respecting citizenship. Is it justifiable homicide to torture and slaughter men because they are on the other side of an industrial and economic controversy? Is unionism to be granted the right to pass beyond the laws of civilized society, even of civilized warfare, to punish anyone who interferes with its purpose? Has a "scab" rights? Or may any union man kill one at will? The men butchered at Herrin surrendered on promise of safey. The promise was broken and they were murdered. They were nonunion men. They were strikebreakers. They were "scabs", and they were murdered. Is that all?—Chicago Tribune.

Mrs. Li, wife of the President of China, demands an allowance of $50,000 a year for the purchase of perfumes.

LOCAL AND PERSONALS FROM NEW MADRID

Atty. James A. Finch attended Court in Benton last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Lane of Lilbour were shopping in New Madrid last Friday.

Moore Griffin of Farmington is the guest of his aunt, Mrs. John E. Hart and family.

Mrs. Lucy Pharris of Cairo was a week-end visitor of relatives at Kewanee and New Madrid.

E. L. Griffin and E. L. Crumpecker of Morehouse were business visitors in New Madrid Friday.

O. T. McGee of Toronto, Can., was at the Court House last week looking after land interests.

Lee Willett and Ralph Berryman of Caruthersville visited relatives in New Madrid Christmas Day.

J. N. Friant and son Julian, of Cape Girardeau were transacting business in our city last week.

C. V. Hansen and son, C. V., Jr, were warmly greeted by their many friends in New Madrid Tuesday.

Joe Shaw, a student of Hendrix College, Conway, Ark., is the guest of his brother, Supt. A. M. Shaw, Jr.

C. R. Jackson, Sam Pendergrass and A. J. Riker of East Prairie were business visitors in New Madrid Friday.

Miss Genevieve Bazan, County Health Nurse, left Saturday to spend the holidays with her parents at Moberly, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Bassmussen of Chicago are guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Royer of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Christy Broughton and little son, C. M. Jr., of Cairo are guess of relatives in New Madrid and Marston.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S Korn and Miss Ada Latham left Wednesday to visit Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Alexander at Pine Bluff, Ark.

Mrs. A. P. Callahn and little daugher, of Legonier, La., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Pikey of the Portageville neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Nunn and little son Bobby of Cape Girardeau are holiday guests of Mrs. Nunn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Loud.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed A. Wright and daughter, Miss "Tod", of Portageville attended services at the Presbyterian church and visited friends.

Miss Letitia Lewis and niece, Miss Hattie Lewis and Mrs. Mary Ann Johnson are spending the winter at Caruthersville with Mrs. A. C. La Forge.

Mrs. Lee Pierce and two sons of Hulbert, Ark., arrived Saturday of last week to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Knott.

Miss Esther Knott, who is teaching in the Public School at Gideon, arrived the latter part of last week on a visit to her parents, Mr and Mrs. George Knott.

Jesse Kimball is spending the holidays with his daughter, Mrs. James Wood and family of Morrillton, Ark., and son, R D. Kimball and family of Hot Springs Ark.

The White Christmas Pageant at the Methodist Church, under the direction of Mrs. John E. Riley, was very beautifully rendered Christmas Eve, the church being appropriately decorated for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hummel and Mrs. Floyd Hummel has as their Christmas guests, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Vernon and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hummel and little daughter, Frances Ellen of Charleston; Mrs. Mattie Waters and daughter, Miss Ora V., of Cape Girardeau, Joe Hunter Allen of St. Joseph and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hummel of this city.

The two story residence of Lee Crisler, known as the W. L. Stacy home on Mitchell Ave, was completely destroyed by fire Christmas Day about 6 p. m. The blaze, supposed to have been caused by a defective flue, originated in the loft, and was under great headway, when discovered by Mr. Crisler, who was at the home of a nearby neighbor. A great deal of clothing and furniture on the first floor was saved. An insurance of $3,000 was carried on the furniture and building. Mr. Crisler has rented the home of Mrs. Cordelia Richards.

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LEFT WIFE NO 2 TO SPEND HOLIDAYS WITH NO. 1

West Plains, Mo., Dec. 26.—Will J. Ward, a commercial traveler, of West Plains, is being held on a charge of bigamy, information having been filed here by S. P. Bradley, an instructor in the School of Mines at Rolla, Mo., who says that Ward, who has a wife and four children in West Plains, married his daughter, Mrs. C. E. Munson, two months ago in Kentucky. They have been residing in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Ward came to West Plains Saturday to spend the holidays with wife No. 1 and their children, it is alleged. Wife No. 2 became suspicious when Ward sent her to her father's home in Rolla while he came to West Plains. Her father came here Sunday night to investigate and Ward's arrest followed.

Turkey's New Capital

Angora, a dingy and dilapidate Anatolian city of about 20,000 inhabitants, is to remain the capital of Nationalist Turkey. Constantinople, with nearly a million and a half, a city of glorious traditions and of many present splendors, must be content with a position of secondary importance. It will remain the spiritual capital of Islam, the residence of a khalif shorn of all temporal authority. But the Government of Turkey will be permanently established in the dirty little city of the remote hinterland. There are several reasons for the change. In the first place Angora is altogeth Terurkish, while Constantinople, the great city on the straits, must always remain cosmopolitan and polyglot. An even stronger consideration is the vulnerability of Constantinople to military and naval attack. At Angora the Government will be far beyond the range of the biggest naval guns, while without an army of impressive strength no nation will ever again venture a campaign in Anatolia. With the nationalists fully recognized as rulers of Turkey and with the Government definitely set up at Angora there will be no clamor at European capitals or at Washington for diplomatic appointments to Turkey.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Constitutional Amendments

"We are a nation of gum chewers", says Secretary Weeks; "in a year we spend three times as much for chewing gum and candy as we spend for military reparation". Mr. Weeks is correcet in this indictment; the statistics bear him out. But he shirked his duty as a citizen and a statesman by failing to propose a remedy for the appalling condition of affairs to which he calls attention. If, after all that has been said concerning the indelicacy of chewing gum in public and the havoc wrought to the teeth of the younger generation by indulgence in sweets, we persist as a nation in wasting our substance on these deleterious luxuries, there is but one way, as Mr. Weeks is well aware, to effect a reform. There must be an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the manufacture and sale of candy or chewing gum, rigidly enforced throughout the United States and on all vessels touching our shores. —New York World.

Ellen Terry, the English actress, has a hobby of collection eyeglasses worn by celebrities.

In Soviet Russia women work alongside the men in the railway repair gangs and are paid the same wages as the men workers.

Japanese water bags of rice paper are more durable than similar ones of rubber. Resin is used between the layrs of paper which is soft and flexible. The outside is covered with lacquer.

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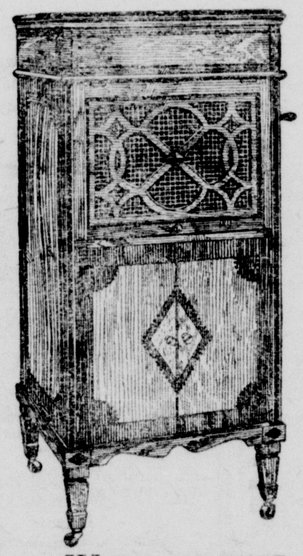

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GREETINGS

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NEWS LETTER FROM CHAFFEE

Mrs. Bert Barnes motored to Cape Girardeau Friday afternoon.

Dressed turkeys have declined from 45 cents a pound to 25 cents.

Dr. H. L. Cordrey has purchased a Ford coupe for Mrs. Cordrey.

E. C. Heard, wife and infant son spent Xmas in Oran with relatives.

The weather is moderating and Sunday preceding Xmas was an ideal spring day.

Many farmers killed hogs the past week, while favorable weather conditions prevailed.

Taxes, both real and personal are due the 31st and delinquent fines will be assessed thereafter.

Dr and Mrs. G. A. Sample and family left Sunday to spend Xmas with relatives at Bloomfield.

The highways are in remarkable condition for mid-winter. This is probably due to the dry autumn and winter to date.

Eggiman Mercantile Company have a different Ford truck, with pneumatic tires, supplanting the one with solid rear tires.

Frank C. Bertrand, who is a member of the American Legion, has an agency contract to represent the Franklin Insurance Company, an old line life insurance company.

Bert Cheatham arrived at Chaffee Saturday and will spend the holidays with his parents. He is a student at Washington U in St. Louis. He is an able baseball player and has featured on the Chaffee team the past two seasons.

The Parochial School had Xmas exercises Friday morning, together with a nice Xmas tree. Clarence Heard was selected to be Santa Claus, and although he had not been such a benefactor, he filled the office without inconvenience to himself.

A very enjoyable Xmas tree was given at the Methodist Church Saturday night and Dr. W. A. Walling imparted cheere to the children in the role of Santa Claus. The evening was profitably spent by everyone and the exercises lasted until 9:15 p. m.

Miss Irene Marti is England's first woman surveyor, she having just passed the final examination of the College of Estate Management.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Xmas was pleasantly spent in this vicinity.

Mrs. John Rice spent Xmas with her parents.

W. H. Grissom of East Prarie visited his sister, Mrs. J. W. Emory, Friday.

Mrs. Mary Steele spent Xmas with her daughter, Mrs. Caleb Matthews at Oran.

Carl Hulty is spending the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Hulty.

W. A. Singleton came down from Chaffee Saturday and spent the day with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Lumit spent Sunday in Portageville the guests of the former's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Steele and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Swartz motored to Cairo, Thursday.

Prof. Charles Granger left Saturday for his home in Jackson to spend the holidays with his parents.

Mrs. J. W. Emory attended the District Assembly of the Rebekahs at Sikeston Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Florence Woodard visited her father and brother, J. A. Alsop and Royal Alsop, Saturday and Sunday.

Tom and Charley Burch of Chicago arrived Saturday to spend the Xmas holidays with their mother, Mrs. Tenry Burch.

Mr. and Mrs. Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Waters and children, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Critchlow were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Critchlow Sunday.

The Xmas sales here in Matthews was immense. J. W. Emory said Saturday night that on registering up he had sold $5000 worth of Xmas goods and the other stores have been busy. Then talk about hard times. When you ask someone to subscribe for a good paper that gives htem all the news of both counties, they tell you they think it is a fine paper, but "ain't" just able to pay $1.50 a year for it.

Mrs. Joe Brasher and her sister, Mrs. Clayton Hinkle, were here last Saturday visiting and shopping. Mrs. Hinkle, whose home is at Sikeston, is visiting in her sister's home.—Caruthersville Democrat.

STRANGE MONSTER OF SEA CAST UP ON CHILEAN BEACH

Lima, Peru, Dec. 21.—The tidal waves which recently devastated parts of the coast of Chile cast upon the beach at the same time a strange creature of the dep whose like has not been seen in these waters in many years. It would appear to be a cross between a whale and a turtle.

Fishermen at Lurin, 25 miles from Lima, reported a huge cetacean floundering in the shallow waters of the bay. Then they sent out word it was an unknown monster of the sea, and that they had killed it.

The director of the Natural History Museum of the University of San Marcos and the official taxidermist went to Lurin to classify the strange visitor. They found an animal with the body of a whale, but with a head and extremities resembling those of a turtle. They decided it belonged to the family of "Balaendidae" cetaceans, inhabiting South Pacific waters. It is supposed that it was carried along by the Humboldt current and thrown up on the beach by the tremendous surfs following the tidal waves.

Charges Against Cashier And Head of Insolvent Bank

Poplar Bluff, Mo., December 27.—Thomas W. Doherty, president of the Farmers' Savings Bank here ,and L. W. Chapman, cashier, are charged with accepting deposits in an incolvent instiution, in six prosecutions instituted in Justice of the Peace Courts today by Prosecuting Attorney Kinder. The bank was closed by State Bank Examiners December 16.

Roy Nieman, State Bank Examiner in charge of the institution, gave out a statement saying that discrepancies have been discovered in the cash accounts and real estate accounts of the bank.

Representatives of bonding companies which furnished bond for Doherty and Chapman are here. The prosecutions instituted today charge that deposits aggregating $1353 made by six persons the day before the bank was closed, were illegally accepted by the officers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Dover of St. Louis are spending the week with the parents of Jerome, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dover.

FORD EXPANSION PLAN BEGINS WITH $6,000,000 PLANT

Detroit, Dec. 22.—Henry Ford's decision to construct a $6,000,000 plant near Chicago for the building of automobile bodies and assembling of automobiles is only a step in a gigantice program on the part of the Ford Motor Co. "that will rank as one of the greatest industrial developments the world ever has seen", it was stated at the Ford company offices here today by persons in authority.

"As long as Mr. Ford lives", it was said, "this expansion program is to go on. The fundamental idea back of the whole scheme is to create more jobs. As long as there is a possibility of putting more men at work the Ford policy will be to build more plants".

It was pointed out that other development projects had been undertaken recently by the Ford company, including the start of a great industrial plant at New Orleans, a contemplated unit at St. Louis and water power development at St. Paul.

Ford has no idea of withdrawing from Detroit, it was made clear. His interests in this city are to be the hub of a great wheel of industry that he hopes eventually will cover many cities in the country.

In this connection it was recalled that a statement was made at the Ford offices some time ago to the effect that a corps of engineers in the employ of the Ford concern was on the lookout constantly for sites that might be adapted to the company's needs.

Asked how far the Ford development program might go, persons in authority at the company offices replied:

"Mr. Ford himself does not know. He does feel, however, that as fast as he makes money he is morally bound to put that money back into business to provide more families with incomes and to enhance the prosperity of the entire country. The Ford development will go on just as long as business conditions make it possible".

The Chicago project, as announced last night, includes the erection on a 70-acre tract at Hegewisch, near Chciago, of a four-unit plan, each unit of which will cost $1,500,000. Sixteen thousand men will be employed at the start. The first unit is to be in operation by next May, according to Chicago advices, confirmed today at the Ford offices here.

Protests Against Arbuckle's Reinstatement Multiplying

Los Angeles, Cal., December 22.—Protests over the prospective reappearance in motion pictures of Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle multiplied here today, as they did throughout the country. Clergymen demonstrated their opposition in several ways and the comedian's friends ralled to his defense. Joseph M. Shenck, producer, who said he would re-employ Arbuckle, declared "it is not Christian-like in these ministers to condemn Arbuckle before he has been heard".

The session of the West Lake Presbyterian Church, where Will H. Hays spoke Sunday night, sent a telegram to Hays, reading: Your statements from West Lake pulpit, relative to your intentions as motion picture director, impressed the session and membership with your sincerity and honesty of purpose. You made positive and unequivocal promises. Indeed, your own words were "That you had full authority and would have no alibi to offer". We, as a session, honored and respected you as a fellow elder. Your action in reinstating Arbuckle is in absolute variance with your promises from our pulpit. Will you not rescind the Arbuckle order? Your failure to do so will mean forfeiture of the respect and confidence of our people and, we, believe, the forfeiture of hte confidence and respect of all God-fearing, decent men and women. We pray God that you may carefully reconsider the Arbuckle order".

Mrs. Joe Stubbs entertained the Bridge Club and several other friends on Saturday evening.

On last Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Joe Matthews entertained with a six o'clock dinner complimentary to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Chaney of Boulder, Colo.

In Denmark it is a custom for engaged girls to wear a plain gold ring on the third finger of the left hand, and when they get married the ring is moved ot the third finger of the right hand.

Christmas Day was a very happy day for the Carter family on Prosperity street as the following children with their family were at home: W. G. Carter of Viana, Ill.; L. D. Randol and family, Guy Carter and family, Frank Carter and family, all of Sikeston; Mr. and Mrs. Rex Cook and family of Carbondale, Ill.

We take this opportunity of expressing to you our deep appreciation of the cordial relationship which has existed between us in the past. May it continue indefinitely. Accept our greetings and warmest regards.

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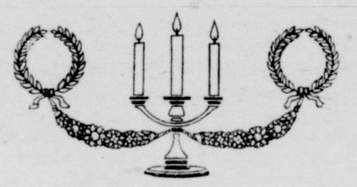

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"The Crimson Challenge"

A picture story of surpassing dramatic interest which will appeal to all picture fans who saw "The Flame of Yukon" several years ago, is Dorothy Dalton's latest Paramount starring vehicle, "The Crimson Challenge", whcih will be the feature at the Malone Theatre Saturday.

In Lost Valley, which is dominated by Buck Courtrey, a cattle rustler and an all round scoundrel, Tharon Last, daughter of a rancher, is the beloved of all. Buck covets her and one day, in a quarrel, slays her father. Tharon swears vengeance and developing into a "two-gun" woman, she finally gets Buck and while she slays him, she is in no sense a murderess. In the development of this dramatic story, a love interest in which Tharon and Billy, a cowpuncher, are the central characters, is finely brought into play.

The picture is filled with thrills and they are of that gripping quality which holds the spectator in suspense from start to finish. Frank Campeau, one of the best known heavies of the screen, has the role of Buck and he vests it with great force and realism. Jack Mower has the role of Billy, and as leading man, he does excellent work. The cast includes Will R. Walling, Clarence Burton, George Field, Irene Hunt and Fred Huntly. In addition, there is Mrs. Dark Cloud, an Indian character actress well known to screen fans. Paul Powell directed. The picture is based on Vingie E. Roe's successful novel, "Tharon of Lost Valley".

Among the many Sikestonians who attended the dance at the Country Club at Cape Girardeau on Thursday evening were: Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Matthews, Jr., Miss Virginia and Buddie Matthews, Mr. and Mrs Ned Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Matthews, Mr. and. Mrs Ben Chaney of Boulder, Colo. and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sikes.

Road Building on a Big Scale

In the fiscal year 1922 there were completed in the United States 10,000 miles of highways built with federal aid, and more than that mileage in the construction of which the government gave no assistance. These figures, prepared by the Bureau of Public Roads of the United States Department of Agriculture, together with the program for future construction, give ground for the hope that in a few years the United States will have an adequate system of modern highways.

The work completed between July, 1921, and June, 1922, inclusive was sufficient in mileage to provide a highway twice around the borders of the country, with something to spare. The total length of the highways built in that period nearly equals the circumference of the earth at the equator.

Most of the roads built in the fiscal year were finished before the new federal aid act became effective, on November 9, 1921. Few projects were in preparation by the states as the old ones approached completion. The act, however, gave a great impetus to plans for state construction, and by June, 1922, projects embracing nearly 40,000 miles were called for. There are at present under construction 14,500 miles of highways that are estimated as 56 per cent complete.

Nothing is closer to the foundations of a civilized state than are roads. Find a backward section of the world, one where education and the standards of living are on a low level, bad roads worthy of the name will mark it.—New York Herald.

Woolard Baker returned to Memphis Wednesday, accompanied by his grandmother, Mrs. H. W. Baker, Sr. Mrs. Baker expects to be gone two months.

Miss Virgina Matthews was the guest of Mrs. Paul Handy Moore at Charleston Wednesday and attended the dance at Cairo Wednesday evening.

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Three football men at Chillicothe Business College were awarded places on the All-State Team by Kansas City sport writers and the team as a whole was frequently given favorable mention in the metropolitan papers.

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NEW YEAR 1923 GREETINGS

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Not being able to see you all personally, we take this means of wishing you "a Happy New Year."

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M. M. BECK, Mgr.

GREATES PHOTOPLAYS IN HISTORY PROMISED DURING PERIOD FEBURARY 1 TO AUGUST 1

What is said to be the greatest convention of its kind ever held by any one particular branch of American industry has just been completed in Los Angeles, Cal., when the entire personnel connected with the Productoin and Distribution departments of the Famous Players Lask Corporation were called together from all parts of the country in the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, Cal., last week.

Mayor Cryer of Los Angeles welcomed the Paramount delegation to the city, which arrived on a special train from New York, and which picked up executives of the Paramount company en route.

Demonstrations were held in various cities through which the special train passed, and a most rousing reception was accorded the delegates in Kansas City, in which Mayor Cromwell officiated and officially welcomed the executives of Paramount to hold their next convention in Kansas City.

Adolph Zukor, who is President of the Famous Lasky Corporation presided at the convention in connection with Jesse L. Lasky, Vice President and who is also in charge of Production, also Sidney R. Kent, who is General Manager of Distribution.

Six months ago Paramount pledged to exhibitors and the public alike, that they would produce and release 41 motion pictures, the quality of which would be epoch marking in the history of the screen. Since the release of the first of this series of 41 Paramount Productions, it is the consensus of opinion of motion picture critics, exhibitors and the public, that Paramount fulfilled this promise.

During the last half of the fiscal year, period between February 1 and August 1, Mr. Zukor and Mr. Lasky have pledged that the Paramount screen deliverances will exceed in quality the 41 pictures released during the first 6 months.

Included in the next group of releases as was announced at the Convention are such pictures as "The Covered Wagon", Cecil B. De Millie's massive production, "Adam's Rib", "Bella Donna" featuring Pola Negri, and thirty-six others of equivalent attractions.

The theme of the pronounced convention was the discussion of the quality of pictures which was meeting with the public's approval to the greatest extent. The Department of Distribution, who constantly come in contact with the motion picure exhibiors, who in turn voice the sentiments of the public, generally have a greater conception as to what is needed in screen entertainment than do the directors of pictures, or the writers of the stories from which Paramount pictures are made, consequently the views of these men, and the information they imparted to the Production Department of Paramount will reflect throughout the on coming season's releases, and it is the belief of Paramount executives that it will tend to strengthen to increase interest in every Paramount Production henceforth..

The industry is peopled with clever, talented artists, and the demands made upon them are appalling. The making of a film is as arduous a task as the producing of a successful stage play, and not five out of 60 of the latter will satisfy the theatre going public In pictures, the audiences demand that every picture be good, making it encumbent upon the director, the star, or stars to put their very best efforts into each production, and make it of highest possible standard so as to insure its being well received by the publlic.

The writers who works are translated into screen entertainment are frequently seen out on location with the company while the picture is being filmed, thereby instilling into the picture vision of the author, the settings, and materially assisting in the continuity of the production.

It has always been the ambition of Adolph Zukor, President of the Famous Players Lasky Corporation and his assistants, to produce the quantity and the quality of Paramount Pictures which would gain for the Paramount trademark an unrivaled position of leadership surrounding the advancements in screen entertainment, and today, the accomplishments of the Paramount company ore looked forward to by the entire motion picture industry, as setting the precedent the world over in motion picture entertainment.

Past releases scheduled by Paramount have been approximately two pictures per week, surrounded by an intensified national advrtising campaign, and exhibitors are confident that when a Paramount Picture is to be exhibited at their theatre its success is inevitable.

The pictures will be shown at the Malone Theatre as soon after their release as is possible, Managr McCutchn tells The Standard.

Cost of Producing Pork

The average cost of producing 100 pounds of marketable pork in sections of Iowa and Illinois in 1921, was $6.08, according to a cost of production study made by the United States Department of Agriculture on 3,574 spring pigs producing 885,140 pounds of marketable pork.

This pork was produced when corn was relatively cheap last year. The survey shows that 65 per cent of the hogs returned between 25 cents and 75 cents per bushel of corn fed. Costs ranged from $3.76 in one drove, to $10.80, in the drove showing the highest cost, 85 per cent of the pork showing a cost of $7 or less per 100 pounds. An average profit of $1.28 per 100 pounds of marketable pork is shown, or an average profit of $3.05 for each pig weaned.

The size of the litters, the relative economies made in the use of feed and labor, and the quantity of pork produced per sow were the three principal cost factors. The entire herd was used as a basis for cost finding, all the expenses on the sow being divided among the pigs in her litter. The principal causes of high costs were the small litters weaned, heavy feed and labor expense, and slightly lower gain per head. Tankage formed an important part of the rations of the economical pork.

The average cost of the total quantity of pork produced or 882,758 pounds, which included 27,612 pounds lost later through deaths was $.88, with a range of $3.76 on the farm making the cheapest pork, to $10.48 on the farm showing highest costs. Thirty-nine of the 51 farms upon which cost figures were kept showed costs between $4 and $7.

The farm averaging the smallest litters, or 2 pigs to the sow, made 473 pounds of pork per litter in 200 days. The farm making the highest record made 1759 pounds of pork per litter in 200 days from an average of 7.27 pigs weaned per sow. Two farms producing an average of 8 pigs per sow produced 1616 pounds and 1435 pounds per sow respectively.

The average cost of producing a weaned pig, 10 weeks of age, was $4.50. Figures were kept on 796 spring litters. The cost of producing a weaned pig varied from $2.73 in the breeding herd having the lowest cost per pig to $10.16 per weaned pig in the drove having the highest cost. These costs included all feed and other expenses upon the mothers from the tim of sorting the sows in the Fall to be bred to the date of weaning; also the feed and other costs on the boar while on the farm.

While no attempt was made to find the cost of pigs at farrowing time, the report shows he influence that the selection of sows and condition of he farrowing pen have upon he size of litters and the number of pigs brought through alive, the department states.—U. S. Dept. Agricultural.

COMMERCE HEARING ON S. E. MO. RATES

A hearing before the Inter-state Commerce Commission last week at St. Louis had under consideration rates on grain in Southeast Missouri. When the sharp advance came in railroad rates a few years ago, rates from Southeast Missouri points were overlooked. They have never been brought up in line with others, and the hearing was on a petition to have them placed on a parity. Interests in the territory affected objected, but their contention that an attempt is being made to discriminate against them is state to be not in accordance with the facts. —Cairo Citizen.

The holiday spirit prompts us to extend to our friends our best wishes and cordial greeting for a New Year of Prosperity.

Dempster Furniture and Undertaking Company

SEVEN MORE EXECUTED BY IRISH FREE STATE

Dublin, December 19.—Four railway men and three laborers were executed here this morning for interference with trains in County Kildare.

The seven men executed wer captured November 13, by Free State troops in a house, the location of which was not announced. With them a quantity of stolen goods, rifles and ammunition was found.

The men were tried by a military committee and sentenced to death on the charge of train wrecking.

The sentence was carried out at 8:30 o'clock this morning.

The men executed are reported to have been members of the Republican army.

An unofficial report states that the men were captured in a dugout at Kilbride near the Kildare County line and that they were part of a column of ten operating in that district and responsible for the ambush of National troops the destruction of goods shipped by mail and the seizure of materials in shops.

The official army report of the executions gives the names of the men as Stephen White and Patrick Bagnel of Kildare, laborers; Joseph Johnston and Patrick Mangan of Kildare, railworkers; James O'Connor of Bansha, Tipperary, and Patrick Nolan of Rathbride, railway workers, and Brian Moore of Rathbride, laborer.

They were arrested with a number of others at Rathbride in County Kildare says the official report which adds that they were found guilty by a military committee of possessing, without property authority, ten rifles, 200 rounds of ammunition, four bombs with detonators and one exploder.

Honors the Hog

Iowa, situated in the heart of the great agricultural district of the United States, has been honored by the President in the selection of a Secretary of Agriculture more frequently than any other state.

Hon. James Wilson, when Secretary of Agriculture, filled the office of such secretary a longer time than any of his predecessors or successors, thus, as a practical farmer, and is familiar with the hog and all of his desirable qualities, and states his opinion of the value of the hog from an economical and profitable standpoint to the farmer, in the following testimonials:

"The hog grows cheapest on the pasture and beside the fields that grow his grain. He is most profitable as a subordinate department, because he cannot consume the coarse fodders of the farm. He furnishes the best market in which to sell the by-products of the mill and dairy. He assimilates more of the most concentrated foodstuffs than any other animal of the farm. Quicker returns come from him than from horses, cattle or sheep. He pays the rents in European countries, lifts the mortgages in the Northern States and in conjunction with the cow he will redeem the worn-out cotton and tobacco fields of the South. Avoid permanent residences for the hog; move him about, so that his environment may be clean and uncontaminated by germs that develop rapidly where they have suitable media. Avoid close breeding, as it intensifies predisposition to disease. Select your breeding from good milkers, as this is the best indication of fecundity.

"No agricultural people thrive who buy grain or meats and pay for them with the price of other farm products.

"We compete now, thru improved and cheapened transportation, with all the world. The farmer is most independent who finds at least sustenance for his family from his fields, flocks and herds".—American Swineherd.

Young people wishing business, telegraph, civil service, secretarial or banking courses should enter Chillicothe Business College the week of January 1st. The new classes start New Year's Day.

Prominent Democrats are in request as speakers at th Jackson Day dinners which have been scheduled in various cities for January 8. Chairman Cordell Hull of the Democratic National Committee is arranging to obtain speakers for these celebrations. At least one member of President Wilson's Cabinet is expected to deliver an address to a big gathering of Democrats on Jackson Day.

EPWORTH LEAGUE BANS MOVIES BY ARBUCKLE

Dallas, Texas, December 25.—Five Epworth Leagues, in joint meeting here last night, voted to boycott motion picture houses which show films featuring Roscoe Arbuckle. Their action followed an address by the Rev. C. C. Selecman, local Methodist minister, in which he severely criticised Will Hays, head of the film industry, for granting the film comedian permission to resume his screen activities.

Fifty-three widows of soldiers who fought in the War of 1812 are still receiving pensions from the United States Government.

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I will extend a wish for a happy and prosperous New Year to one and all.

Pitman Tailor Shop

SIKESTON, MO.

Phone 127

Our New Year Greeting

To all our old friends who have been loyal, who have helped us and whom we have helped as best we knew, and to the newer friends whom we will cherish through the years until they become old friends, and to YOU whose friendship we want and will ever strive earnestly to deserve, we tender this

GREETING

Eagle Drug Store

C. C. WHITE, Proprietor

STOCK DIVIDENDS PILE UP TAXES

Stock dividends macounting to more than 750 million dollars were declared or announced by Standard Oil companies in 11 months last year. Atlantic Refining Company, a star performer of the group, declared a stock dividend of 900 per cent. It increased its capital from 5 to 50 million dollars. Standard Oil of Indiana, when it declared only a little 100 per cent dividend, however, made a much greater showing in putting surplus earnings out of reach of taxes on earnings. Standard Oil of Indiana had a surplus of about 178 million dollars and divided most of it by increasing its capital stock from 150 to 250 million dollars.

These stock dividends are in addition to substantial dividends that are being paid regularly by many companies. If the millions put into stock dividends were divided among stock holders as regular dividends they would come under the income tax. But they are not divided that way. The excuse is made that these huge surpluses are needed in carrying on the business.

The big tobacco companies which have been enjoying wonderful prosperity, are said to be the next industry that will issue wholesale stock dividends. Thus will their millions of surplus earnings avoid some of the burden of paying for the war and the Government.

Ohio Oil Company has declared a 300 per cent dividend, increasing its capital stock from 15 to 60 million dollars. Standard Oil of Kentucky declared two stock dividends in 1922. They totaled 100 per cent. Standard Oil of Kansas proposed a stock dividend the other day. White Eagle Oil Company announced one of 25 per cent, and the Magnolia Petroleum Co. one of 50 per cent that put 60 million dollars of earnings into stock instead of dividends that are taxable.

While business is showing the usual seasonal easing-up of this time of year all these companies discover they need many times more capital than they ever had before. No doubt expanding business does often need its earnings put back into the business, but it doesn't seem reasonable that there should be a constant need of doubling and redoubling capital or multiplying it by three, four, nine. It isn't necessary in banking or in farming or railroading.

But stock dividends are not taxable as are regular dividends and so daily we see more and more millions of surplus earnings evading taxation and going into stock dividends. Among a great number of stock dividends I note the general Baking Company is to divide a 5-million-dollar surplus that way—another case of actually performing that supposably impossible thing of eating your take and having it. National Supply Company has a 13-million-dollar surplus and plans a 50 per cent stock dividend. Northwestern Yeast Company announces a 100 per cent dividend, 3 million dollars; Cleveland Union Stock Yards, 60 per cent stock dividend; Packard Motor Company, 100 per cent stock dividend; Humphreys Oil Company, 75 per cent. Small wonder the tax burden falls so hard on those who cannot declare stock dividends.—Arthur Capper.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Guthrie of Charleston spent Christmas day with Mrs. Guthrie's parents, Mr. nad Mrs. Adam Rouse.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Laws of Marston spent the holidays in Sikeston with the family of C. L. Essary on Moore Avenue.

More than 2100 of the 2850 agricultural counties in the United States employ at least one agricultural extension worker, who acts as a joint represenative of the United States Department of Agriculture and the state agricultural college.

A New Year Sentiment!

To our old friends, loyal and true; to our valued new friends; and to those whose friendship we strive to deserve; we heartily wish unmeasured happiness and good fortune throughout the coming years.

With grateful appreciation for all the favors received by us from you, and for that priceless though intangible asset, your good-will, which we prize beyond measure, we seek to merit your continued confidence, and aim to serve you helpfully in the future.

Stubbs Clothing Company

MELLON SAID TO OWE U. S. $231,666 DUE ON INCOME

Pitsburgh, Pa., December 21.—Statements of claim, naming Andrew W Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury and seventeen other prominent residents of Pittsburgh, were filed in United States District Court late today by Special Assistant United States Attorney Warren H. Van Kirk, seeking to recover $488,953. The government charges the sum is due as income tax on a stock dividend which the Gulf Oil Corporation declared in 193.

Praecipes were filed in these cases in 1919.

Collection of $231,666 from A. W. Mellon and $226,684 from R B. Mellon, local banker, is sought. The other claims are comparatively small. One of the largest is against William Flinn, for $5140. A. W. Mellon was vice president of the corporation.

Reese Marshall from Cape Girardeau was in Sikeston Tuesday on a business trip.

Germany's wheat yield in 1922 was at the rate of 18.5 bushels an acre. In 1921 the yield was 32.4 bushels to the acre. Drouth caused the decrease. The 1922 rye yield is 60 per cent of 1921.

GERMAN "WAR GUILT" CASES ARE DROPPED

Berlin, December 22.—The supreme court of Leipsig, in a secret session today, dismissed 93 "war guilt" cases tried in accordance with the Versailles Treaty.

Gen. von Mackenson, von Linsingen, von Below and von Diekut and Prof. Goetz were among those whose cases were dropped. Many witnesses were heard but proceedings were private and allied representatives were not present. The court declared the defendants were proven neither guilty nor innocent of crimes aganist German law.

Seven hundred and seventy-one cases are pending. Germans on trial include former Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria accused of deportation from northern France during the war; Gen. von Manteusfel, held responsible for the Louvain outrages; the Duke of Wurtemberg, who ordered troops massacred at Namur and other famous officers.

The Allies drew up a long list of those considered guilty and then required the Germans themselvs to try them.

Carson Wilkey is home for the holidays from Cambridge, Mass., to visit friends and relatives.

Miss Margaret N. Robins, of Philadelphia, who has been doing Red Cross work among the poor of "Turkey Town", the Moslem quarter of Podgoritza, Montenegro, is called "Angel" by the population.

In the proper column will be found the announcement of John H. oGodin as a candidate for Superintendent of Schools of Scott County. Mr. Goodin is no stranger in this county having taught school 14 years in Scott County, one year at Vanduser, one year at Morley, four years at Benton and superintendent at Sikeston for eight years. That he is thoroughly fitted for the position goes without saying. He is a Central College man, a graduate of the Teachers' College at Cape Girardeau, a student of the University of Missouri and holds a life state certificate. He has taught the one-room school, been principal of village schools, and has been superintendent where 35 teachers were employed.

CATHOLICS WILL BE ASKED TO FIGHT ARBUCKLE FILMS

Washington, December 21.—Catholics will be called upon to unite in an effort to keep films with "Fatty" Arbuckle, the motion picture comedian, as the star, from being shown, so Charles A. McMahon, director of the motion picture bureau of the National Catholic Welfare Council, announced tonight. McMahon, who is also a member of the Executive Committee on Public Relations, which Will Hays organized to co-operate with the motion picture industry, issued the following statement:

"The announcement of Arbuckle's reinstatement by Mr. Hays comes as a decided shock to those who had been led to believe that there was no longer any room in the motion picture industry for persons of the Arbuckle type. I feel that Mr. Hays has misjudged the temper of the American public if he thinks they will agree with his action in the Arbuckle case. Mr. Hays and his employers are guilty not only of an error in judgment, but are likewise guilty of failing to keep faith with the American pepole in making good on their purpose, as frequently repeated by Mr. Hays, namely, "to elevate the moral and artistic standard of the screen".

Woolard Baker was up from Memphis for the holidays and to gladden the heart of his grandmother.

More than one hundred couple attended the dance at the City Hall Monday night. Fifty couple were from Sikeston, the balance from neighboring towns. The Radio Orchestra of St. Louis furnished the music, which was pronounced very good. Visitors complimented the dance very highly.

Have you ever tried keeping a dust bath for the chickens in winter? We keep a box 3½ by 6 feet in a sunny corner of the poultry house well filled with dust. When we empty the wood ashes, they are always put in the box. Coal ashes are all right if the cinders are sifted out. It is really surprising to note how much the fowls enjoy it. Now I do not mean to imply that the dust bath will kill all lice and mites, but it will certainly help to exterminate them and if the houses and roosts are disinfected you will be surprised to find the pests will give very little trouble.

DISTRICT MEETING OF REBEKAHS

The Rebekahs held a District Meeting at I. O. O. F. Hall in Sikeston Wednesday, December 20th. Lodges in the District are: Cape Girardeau, Fornfelt, Chaffee, Oran, Morley, Blodgett, Charleston, Anniston, East Prairie, Portageville, Lilbourn, Morehouse, Essex and Sikeston. Majority of these were represented.

Mrs. Sue Strycker, State President of the State Assembly, was present, holding a School of Instruction in the afternoon. At night Charleston Degree Staff exemplified the work which was very well done and enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Strycker gave an address, Mr. G. W. Sharp of Cape Girardeau and Mrs. Belle Morrison gave humerous readings, that were excellent.

A very elaborate dinner and supper were served to all present.

The officers elected for next year were:

President, Mrs. Lena Emory, Matthews.

Vice-President, Mrs. Annice Marshall, Blodgett.

Secretary, Mrs. Rose Parks, Charleston.

Treasurer, Mrs. Bettie Hagan, Charleston.

Next year the meeting will be held at Cape Girardeau.

S. M. Dailey, merchant of Vanduser, was in Sikeston Tuesday. He reports business as having been very satisfactory, and believes the business outlook to be much better for the future.

A slide in the Panama Canal occurred Friday morning. It is officially reported that it is not of a serious nature and that it will be cleared by December 30. Meanwhile, traffic through the waterway will not be hampered.

Despite tempting offers by Parisian musica hall managers to the girls of the ex-sultan's harem, Turkish authorities are arranging to return most of them to their native villages. Almost 300 former members of the imperial troupe of dancers and concubines of the household must be disposed of. Husbands will be found for those who have no desire to return home.

GOLD MOUNTED HARNESS A GIFT TO KING ALBERT

Brussels, Dec. 22.—A number of costly gifts, including a set of harness mounted in gold and enriched with precious stones, have been presented to King Albert by Ras Taffari, regent of Abyssinia. Among the gifts were also many shields and sabers, one of the shields formerly belonging to Emperor Menelik and used by him at the battle of Adowa.

Similar gifts were sent from Abyssinia to the late Emperor Nicholas, of Russia, when he recognized Abyssinan Independence.

O. E. Latham and family spent Christmas in Dexter with relatives and friends.

Misses Louella and Loretta Miller and brother, C. D., of Sikeston, returned home after a pleasant visit with friends in this city.—Charleston Index.

Fire starting in a restaurant in the business section of Juarez, just across the border from El Paso, Texas, Sunday, destroyed the American Consulate offices and wiped out more than a half block of business houses before it was brought under control. The loss is estimated at more than $150000.

BEGLEY'S RELATIVES VICTORS IN COURT

An echo of the manipulations of George H. Begley, Jr., "deposed rice king" of Southeast Missouri, who is serving a term in the state penitentiary for forgery, was sounded when the Supreme Court, in a decision this week, reversed and remanded a decision of the St. Louis circuit court in which Judge Falkenhaimer there held that Mrs. Effie M. Ruth, George Begley, Sr., and Mrs. Edith Ruth Begley, would have to pay a note for $70,000 they signed to secure young Begley from prosecution. Notice of action of the court was received here today.

The higher court held that the ruling of the lower court was void and sent the case back for a new trial.

The three defendants to the suit brought by the Mississippi Valley Trust Company to St. Louis to secure payment of the note, charged that they were forced under duress to sign the notes "in order that Begley would not be prosecuted. They claim that they were given only an hour's time in which to act. They also claim that they were to sign in lieu of the signatures said to have been forged by Begley.

The note was given by Begley, it was charged, in exchange for the money, with which he was to carry on his rice plantation plans. Relatives said that he squandered the money and they knew nothing of the affixing of the signatures.

At the time that the Mississippi Valley Trust Company instituted action against the defendants to secure payment of the notes, the latter also brought suit in the Poplar Bluff court to cancel the notes, alleging duress. They lost in the last suit, but the Supreme Court also remanded this for a new trial.

Trial of the suits is expected at the next term of court.

Begley is still in the state prison, where reports say he wishes to stay until his term is over. After his release he wants to start again.

His wife secured a divorce from him several months ago.—Southeast Missourian.

PROHIBITION OF SERVING LIQUOR ON SEAS ATTACKED

Washington, December 22.—A plea that American ships cannot justly be prevented from serving liquor on the high seas, under the prohibition laws, is set forth in a brief filed in the Supreme Court today by the International Mercantile Marine in support of is appeals from the interpretation given the Daugherty bone-dry ruling by Federal Judge Ward at New York.

The brief also declared it is not unlawful for vessels to bring their ship stores of liquor into American territorial waters. In this respect the position taken by the Mercantile Marine is similar to that set forth by the foreign shipping concerns in a brief filed recently with the Court.

W. C. Russell and wife spent Christmas week with the family of L. F. Stock on Big Lake, Mississippi county.

The turkey shoot held last Friday at the Fair Grounds by J. H. Barnett and Judson Boardman was a big success. Eleven turkeys, eight capons and four quarters of pork was disposed of.

Moberly, which is making a bid for the next Missouri Poultry Show, has been advised by the executives of the state association that the selection of the city for the 1923 meeting will not be decided upon until January 4, when the officers will gather in Kansas City to take up the matter. Maryville is one of the cities that has entered recently in a bid for the show. Moberly believes it has an excellent chance to land the event because of its central location and excellent railroad facilities.

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To Everybody

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B. F. Blanton, Dentist

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CAPTURE OF HESSIANS AT BATTLE OF TRENTON

It was Christmas night. Christmas is a great feast day in Germany, and the Hessian soldires in Trenton had celebrated the event with true Teutonic thoroughness. Now they were sleeping off the effects and dreaming of the good wine and rum which they had drunk, and for which they had not paid a penny. Col. Rall and his staff had been invited to a little celebration by a neutral trader by the name of Hunt. What with cards and unlimited punch, the party lasted well into the night. Towards dawn, a messenger came galloping to the door and asked to see the Colonel. The man at the door would not let him enter. The messenger asked that a note be handed to the commander, saying that his errand was of the greatest importance. The servant took the piece of paper, but the Colonel, who had drunk more wine than was good for him, stuffed the note into his pocket and forgot all about it. He was to remember it much later, when it was too late to take action, and when the English had suffered their first serious defeat.

Nine miles toward the North, on the banks of the Delaware, a very different scene was being enacted. Gen. Washington with 2500 soldiers of the new American army were embarking in little boats, manned by sturdy Massachusetts fishermen. Soon they were making their perilous way across the river. The water was full of floating ice, and a heavy sleet storm beat in their faces. It was 3 o'clock of the morning when the last boatload had made the crossing. Then the troops began the long, dreary march to Trenton. Two other parties had attempted to cross the Delaware a little lower down. These, however, had found it impossible to make a landing on the Jersey side because of the ice which had been piled up there by the current.

Soon after dawn, Washington and his batallions reached Trenton. At once they attacked the outer line of pickets. A company of Hessians, hearing the noise, came out to see what all the shooting was about. These the Americans drove back with serious losses. Then they entered the city. Col. Rall, who was still at his party, heard the roll of the drums and the firing and remembered the piece of paper which he had carelessly shoved into his pocket No further need to read it. He now knew what it could have told him four hour earlier. He hurried to his men, but the Americans gave them no time to form. The British withdrew to an orchard on the east side of the town, whence ran a road which led to Princeton. But an American regiment had already cut off their retreat, and in the confused fight which followed, Rall was mortally wounded. A short while later, the Hessians surrendered. The fight had lasted only 35 minutes. The Americans had lost four or five men. In return they had captured more than a thousand Hessians, besides killing or wounding almost a hundred others.

The next night, the Americans returned across the Delaware with their prisoners, whom they proudly paraded through the streets of Philadelphia as a proof of their exploit.

The effect of this spectacular victory upon the morale of the American troops was enormous. Many men, whose term of enlistment was up, eagerly agreed to stay in the army a little longer. Others joined. General Howe, when he heard about it, was very much worried. He told Lord Cornwallis that he had better postpone his trip home for the present and rejoin his command. And it was many a year before Cornwallis re-enterd his ancestral halls.

Washington soon recrossed the Delaware and took up his position at Trenton. Hither came Lord Cornwallis, who had postponed his trip home indefinitely, and his army to attack him. Just before sunset on the 3rd of January Cornwallis reached Trenton. His first attack was repulsed, and he decided to wait for daylight. One of his officers told him that he had better not delay. Cornwallis, however, with his usual self-confidence, said that he could "get the fox in the morning."

The position of the American army was a very unpleasant one. In front of them was an enemy, strong enough to annihilate them utterly, and very desirous of doing so. Behind them was the river, full of floating ice, and well-nigh impassible. The weather was warm and the roads were soft and sticky, so that it was impossible to drag the cannon through the heavy mire.

A little after midnight it turned very cold and soon the roads were as hard as brick pavements. Washington now left a few pickets to keep his campfires burning, rounded up his men and 40 cannon, and stole quietly out of town. He marched directly to Princeton, where he found a small British force. This he quickly routed, taking more than 200 prisoners.

At sunrise the next morning, when Lord Cornwallis marched forth to capture Trenton, all he found was an empty camp and the dying embers of the American campfires. The pickets had kept them going until the very last minute. They, too, had stolen away to rejoin their comrades. Worse, however, was to follow. Toward noon, although it was midwinter, Cornwallis thought he heard thunder. It seemed to come from the direction of Princeton. When he realized that the thunder was caused by Washington's cannon, which the English had intended to capture that morning, along with the American General himself, he was more thoroughly disgusted. Washington had outwitted and outgeneraled the British army for the second time.

After this victory the Americans moved swiftly by forced marches to Morristown where they went into winter quarters. As the heights of Morristown threatened the British lines of supplies from New York into New Jersey, the English decided that they had best give up New Jersey, and their plan of capturing Philadelphia for the present and went into winter quarters in New York.

A wave of tremendous enthusiasm for Washington swept the country. He had, without fighting a single big battle, maneuvered the British out of New Jersey. As a result the enemy were where they had been at the beginning of the campaign. In Europe, too, people were beginning to sing the praises of the American rebel leader, and no less a strategian than Frederick the Great declared his achievements during that great month of January were the most brilliant which had ever been recorded in the pages of history.

Rev. C. D. McCaw, of Keyil, Ky., will conduct services at the Christian Church in Sikeston Sunday morning and evening, December 31. Everyone cordially invited.

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If the Golden Rule as to payment of debts was observed times would not be so hard in this community. Many debtors could pay a dollar or two on their accounts who do not pay a cent because they haven't the money to pay all they owe at one time. This makes it peculiarly hard on the small merchant who is compelled to pay the wholesaler or close his doors. The Standard would be glad for some of its debtors to try the Golden Rule for, just at this time, it would help us ease the pain at our paper house.

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The evidence being presented by the State at Herrin, Ill., against certain union labor individuals, show the crime to have been well organized and prepared for. Witnesses who were left for dead have come to life and testified against the defendants. It is the worst indictment against union labor that has ever been made before in the United States. It was organized murder pure and simple and hasn't a single phase to it whereby the ordinary citizen could condone the action of these union miners. If a number of the leaders are not hanged it will look like a miscarriage of justice.

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The editor wishes to publicly acknowledge the debt of gratitude he owes to his fellow laborers on The Standard. There is Hyacinth Sheppard, our lineotype operator, who has been with us since graduating from High School, who is a young woman of the highest character, a sweet disposition and a willingness to work. She is one cog in the machinery that would be hard to replace. Then there is O. E. Latham, one of the best mechanics to be found anywhere. It is to his efforts that The Standard stands so high throughout this section for the artistic work turned out. To Charles, Junior, we are indebted for the able manner he has handled the advertising and job soliciting end of the business. He is a Cheerful Charles who knows no grouches. To the "Missus" the entire works look for their checks that makes the wheels go round and the editor for the splendid meals she has furnished. She is a wonder to have lived with the editor nearly a hundred years and still be able to smile and look pleasant. May the New Year be a better one for all concerned with our shop.

Our Greeting

In the Spirit of Christmas

CHRISTMAS DAY brings us the consciousness that whatever our personal animosities may be, whatever the strife between nations — merely neighborhood quarrels greatly magnified — there is this sublime occasion devoted to peace and good will. Its spirit is the lamp which lights to higher life; its influence largely supports civilization and prevents a lapse into barbarity.

Christmas spirit means Christian spirit. In testing its effect, one has only to reflect upon the positions of races, the most advanced being those of Christendom. China, the oldest entity among peoples, has an admirable occasion upon which the citizens strive to liquidate all their debts. It is a national pay-up day, and in spirit somewhat resembles our Christmas. In Japan they have an annual event somewhat like our New Year's celebration, during which the people go about expressing good will and promoting good cheer. But Christmas has a more elevating effect than either, in that it not only typifies peace and good will, but carries the essence of unselfishness and pure love, the most common expression being the bestowal of gifts. When the Christmas influence gains to the point that its spirit shall permeate the affairs of every day in the year, the millennium will have arrived.

We have this day, and if we mar not its ideal its leaven will produce other days of the kind. In the making of a newspaper we have an opportunity to view the many forces operating upon the character of humanity. We see the good and bad, the sincere and insincere, the selfish and unselfish. We believe the leaven of good is more active than that of the opposed forces. If we have been able to assist the right, much has been due to your co-operation and we earnestly solicit a continuation of the same. Our Christmas greeting to you is one of optimism, good cheer and hearty good wishes.

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Rumors of Depot Removal

Co-incident with the appropriation of the Cotton Belt of millions for improvement, the rumor gained currency early in the week that blue prints for a new depot to be erected in Lilbourn in the south part of town were being considered. Another to the effect that Nw Madrid business men had guaranteed a free right of way to the Cotton Belt providing the railroad would detour all its trains from Lilbourn through New Madrid and on from there to La Forge and discontinue or take up the bee line tracks now laid and used from Lilbourn to La Forge on the way to Birds Point.

If this plan which has been talked of considerably and the frequent presence of numbers of engineers here recently leads one to think that serious thought is being given to it. It would mean that thru trains would henceforth be run through here instead of Illmo and Fornfelt and Lilbourn would then naturally become a more prominent place on account of being at the intersection of two main line roads.—Lilbourn Herald.

We see where Will Hayes, the bull goose of Movieland at Los Angeles, has forgiven Fatty Arbuckle for his past and will give him another chance as a comedy artist on the screen. It now remains to be seen whether the public will forget and forgive the past performances of this brute and the part he took in the drunken orgies in his flat at Los Angeles when Virginia Rappe, an actress, died a most horrible death at the hands of this brute. Take it from me, if he is advertised for Sikeston then will The Standard be found advising all decent people to stay away from the performances.

Farm Price and Europe

When farmers are compelled to accept ruinous prices for their products, the most liberal of credits from banks or Government loan agencies are only palliatives. This does not militate against the best farm credit system that can be devised, yet it does lay a finger tip on the present difficulty of the farmre. All the credit in the world will not save him if he produces at losing prices. What can be done to give him a market that has a profit in it?

Farm products the home market absorbs and for which it fixes the price are doing fairly well. Corn is a good price. Eggs are positively high. The farmer's trouble is that on products of first class importance, such as wheat and meats, the export market for which determines the price of the whole, his foreign market has gone to pieces.

If it is possible for this Nation to help the recovery of Europe it will in like measure help the recovery of the American farmer. This is a job for Washington's statesmanship, and no easy one. It is idle to look for anything more than temporary and spasmodic prosperity to American farmers while Europe is flat on its back.—Capper's Farmer.

The Whirlagig of Time works wonders in the course of a year. Many families have been visited by Father Time who has taken his toll of some member who will be sadly missed at this time. Those of us who have been blessed with good health should be duly thankful for same and mingle our tears of sympathy with those of our friends who are ill and grieved. Those missing will not be forgotten.

Poland Chinas in 1870

At the National Swine Breeders Association, held in Chicago in 1885, L. N. Bonham, of Oxford, Ohio was present. He presented a paper to the meeting on the evolution of the Poland China. We find in it that one man in Butler County, Ohio, in 1870, by the packers' books, showed that they packed in 1870 a lot of 38 Poland China hogs that averaged 613 lbs., gross at 21 months old, all raised and fattened by this one man. From the same packers' books it was shown that another lot of 80 averaged 574 lbs.; a lot of 38 averaged 570 lbs.; a lot of 40 averaged 713 lbs.; a lot of 12 averaged 773 lbs. It further states: "To show that this breed had in 1870 attained unsurpassed excellence in their readiness to fatten at any age, and their rapid growth, we quote the weights of two lots of pigs fattened when 11 months old. One lot of 30 averaged gross 384 lbs.; another lot of 10 averaged gross 410 lbs". This shows that they had some pretty big hogs in the Poland Chinas nearly fifty years ago and at that time the Poland China was the popular feeders' hog and the big foundation stone in that day of christening Cincinnati, Porkopolis.

The Standard would be glad to see more dairy cows, more hogs and more poultry on the farms in the Sikeston District. Each of these branches of agriculture is cash every day of the week and cash is what is needed by the farmers at this time.

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Mrs. Oliver Atkey, Great Britain's leading woman aviator, recently created a new long-distance record for women fliers carrying a passenger.

MOREHOUSE WINS SIKESTON WINS

The local basketball team won and lost to Morehouse at the Mecca Hall in Sikeston Thursday evening. It was an even break between the girl's team during the regularly allotted time, and the score was 16-16. In order to decide the game an extra five minutes play was allowed and in the five minutes the Morehouse girls made made two points and defeating Sikeston by a score of 18 to 16.

When the game between the boys was called Sikeston soon took the lead and held it easily until time was called, taking the game by a score of 44 to 14.

Quite a delegation from Morehouse was present to witness the games and when a return game is played at Morehouse the entire High School and faculty expect to attend.

Morehouse has a regulation court in their gymnasium, thanks to J. W. Sarff and other members of their school board, and the Morehouse teams with the practice will be dangerous in the future.

Liquor running by airplanes from Montreal to Long Island points has become so profitable that many aviators, including one of the foremost fliers in America, have entered the bootlegging game, according to Frank J. Hale and James L. Kerrigan, federal dry agents investigating liquor law violations in New York and New Jersey coastal counties.

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A mighty good way to create a better feeling between communities is to visit. Dihelstadt, Blodgett and Morehouse have splendid auditoriums connected with their High Schools and Sikeston High School pupils should make it a point to visit and attend such entertainments as are given in these auditoriums. Sikeston has no auditorium and no place to entertain visiting schools, except in a rented hall, but to swap visits creates a good feeling between schools and pupils that are lasting.

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Those of us who enjoy good health are not competent to sympathize with our fellow-beings who are fighting for health at home and in other climes. There is Mrs. Archie Barnett and Mrs. John Lay at Denver, Colo., Miss Eleanor McRae, Colorado Springs, Colo., and Mrs. Carrie Roper in the Sanitarium of Mount Vernon, Mo., all splendid Christian characters, who are seeking health. To these ladies The Standard joins their acquaintances in wishing them health and happiness for the New Year and may the Lord temper the winds that will be healing balm to their ailments.

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The Standard is informed that there is an undercurrent of dissatisfaction between certain sections of Southeast Missouri toward the newcomers from the South who have rented land to plant cotton and who will bring their cotton hands with them. This is all wrong. These new men coming in have the money to pay their way and the families they bring will spend with our merchants every cent they make. To our way of thinking it is criminal to discourage this new enterprise and those who seek to intimidate the new-comer will fare badly as the better element will be with the latter. Besides the new-comer has a legal and moral right to protect himself and his property with a shot gun or a knife and will do so. The time is past when the loafer and night rider can say who shall and who shall not work.

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Being a member of the National Guard in times of peace and subject to be called out at any time to guard railroads, mines, and other corporate interests, does not appeal to The Standard. Recently our company was called to guard railroad property at Poplar Bluff, New Franklin and Chaffee. At Poplar Bluff Harry McGee was accidentally shot by one of his companions, and Carl Denman contracted a severe case of malaria from which he has suffered greatly for several months. Earnest Arterburn was severely hurt while in line of duty at New Franklin. Harry McGee will probably be a cripple for life and is now in a St. Louis hospital. These are not eligible for a pension from any source and will have to say their own hospital bills. All of this to protect the property of a bunch of wealthy magnates in the East who do not give a d. if everyone of these boys had been killed. It's safe to say that our boys will be leary to re-enlist when their time expires.

HOOVER NAMED AS HEAD OF SURVEY

London, December 21.—The request made by a German trade commission that a committee of American business men, headed by Herbert Hoover, visit Germany to undertake a thorough survey of economic conditions that would be used as the basis of a new reparations treaty, was seen here today as perhaps the starting point of the rumors as to American intervention in the reparations problem.

Great Britain, it is semiofficially learned, has informed the American State Department of its consent to such a plan.

The proposal was made by a German commission, headed by Chancellor Cuno, to the United States Chamber of Commerce, which in turn is understood to have asked Secretary Hoover to present the plan at a Cabinet meeting. This was done and the matter passed into the hands of Secretary Hughes.

The Germans propose that the American commission determine the extent of Germany's ability to pay and assert that they would agree to meet this amount if France and Great Britain approved the plan. To this end Secretary Hughes opened negotiations with the London and Paris Governments.

Three Scotchmen in church one Sunday morning when the minister made a strong appeal for some worthy cause, hoping that everyone in the congregation would give at least one dollar or more. The three Scots became very nervous as the collection plate neared them, when one of them fainted and the other two carried him out.

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The wise farmer will not sit idly by and wait for the "progressive bloc" or Mr. Harding's administration to relieve him of his troubles. It is still true that "God helps those who help themselves", and the farmer must go right on planning and planting and organizing co-operative groups for mutual benefit if he is to accomplish anything. Politicians will lend their assistance only so long as their personal interests can be served.—Ralls County Record.

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The thought of Santa Claus and the joy it brings to children is a beautiful one and should be held sacred. We are told some teachers in our grammar school have told the little ones concerning Santa Claus, that has caused them sorrow. The belief in the future of human souls, the hopes of man in future happenings is the one great boon to all. The destroying of hopes of children in Santa Claus puts a damper on the spirit of hope and anticipation in them. We are sorry that tales of Santa Claus are not told in school instead of destroying the sweet dreams and anticipations of the little ones.

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The Standard has no intention of arguing the question as to whether the country is growing worse or better, but can plainly see that the Eighteenth Amendment has made thousands upon thousands of lawbreakers, and thousands more who have no respect for that law and growing less respectful of other laws. We have no suggestions to make as to changes, unless it would be through education instead of force. Unless a change takes place soon it will require an army of spies at millions of expense to try to enforce this one law. Men who are truthful in other matters are liars on enforcement of National Prohibition.

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With the close of the year it should be in the heart of man to forgive and forget many things that have happened. Until a man's heart is cleansed he is not fit to die. The editor of The Standard has had many conflicting emotions during the year. Those of sorrow, of regret and some of bitter hatred. Those of sorrow have been for the afflicted, for those who have lost loved ones, for those in trouble, and these emotions have been sincere and from the heart. Those of regret have been caused by the thought of having hurt the feelings of those in the community who have had erring ones in their families that have had their names in print. These regrets are genuine for all concerned. Those of hatred have been for the politician who uses abuse and tries to ruin those whom he cannot rule. It is wrong, we know, to hold resentment toward this class of humanity, and maybe, some day, this sort of resentment will pass away, but not now.

MORGAN AND CAPITOL IN ACCORD ON LOAN

Washington, December 19.—The notification given to the German Ambassador by the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. to the effect that it is impossible to discuss or consider a loan to Germany "unless and until the reparations question is settled", is expected in official and dipolmatic circles in Washington to have a most far-reaching influence upon the work of those now engaged in another effort to find a cure for the European economic situation.

So far as the American Government is concerned, there is complete accord with the position taken by the recognized leader in the American banking world, the view of President Harding, Secretary Hughes and other influential advisers in the administration that reparations is the crux of the present situation in Europe which cannot be improved until there has been a definite and final settlement of the reparations issue.

The foreign banking groups, with the exception of the French, have been in general accord with the position stated in the announcement by Morgan & Co., and there is reason for believing that the allied governments in general, but with the notable exception of the French, have been for some time willing to proceed to the adjustment of the question of reparations on a new basis if France were willing to join in such an effort.

The consensus of competent opinion in Washington has bee that the amount of reparations as now fixed for Germany to pay is too high, because it is believed by most American bankers and economists as beyond the real limit of German capacity to meet them.

Queen Mary is one of the most honored women in England, she already having 23 honorary degrees.

Mrs. Charles Clark of Cleve, Ohio, came in Christmas day for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Chambliss.

Mrs. Wm. E. Payne and son, Bill, will leave for their home in Ballston, Va., Friday at noon, after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Blanton. Ballston is four miles beyond the Potomac River from Washington, D. C.

In the first seven months of 1922, Denmark exported about 55,000 tons of butter in casks or cases, or nearly 2000 tons more than was exported in the corresponding period of 1921. England continues to be the principal buyer of Danish butter, taking two-thirds of the total exports. Of late, France and Belgium have also imported considerable quantities. Shipments to other countries, with the exception of those to Czechoslovakia, have diminished, notably those which were taken by the United States.

Widow-burning now virtually extinct in India, is said to exist in certain parts of Africa. Widows are immolated on the husband's funeral pyre as a sign of virtue, and also to provide the dead man with attendants in the next world.

New Year Greeting

To Our Faithful Old Friends and Cherished New Friends

And those whose friendship we strive to deserve, we tender this

GREETING

We hope that the New Year will be a happy one for you and that great prosperity will be yours. We want you to make OUR STORE YOUR STORE. We strive to please you, therefore we ask for your hearty co-operation.

THE QUALITY STORE — SIKESTON MERCANTILE CO. — SIKESTON MO.

WIFE SUES PASTOR, NAMING 122 WOMEN

Providence, R. I., Dec. 20.—The Rev. Adolph H. Englehardt, 42, pastor o fthe Church of Divine Science, whose wife is said to name 122 women in her divorce action, is Dr. Adolph Von Henri. He conducted a healing establishment here before being interned for two years as a dangerous enemy alien, according to the police, who say he has also been arrested here for illegal practice of medicine.

Mrs. Englehardt's petition declares her husband has hypnotic power over women, and police who investigated say she may be right. His healing treatments consisted mainly in laying on of hands, accompanied by a phonograph, the music being changed to meet "spiritual" needs of the patient. Federal authorities took the "Doctor" into custody December 11, 1917. Women mourned, visitde him in his cell and sent him delicacies.

Assistant Attorney-General Sisson called him "the most dangerous man in Rhode Island". A short time ago Dr. Von Henri founded his church, holding "healing services". Mrs. Isabelle Bradley, styled a "Ballot Medium", assisted. The pastor-healer calls his wife's mention of the 122 women as a "despicable attack". He admits she sued for non-support two months ago.

Yearling colts brought $896.40 a head when 25 of them from Walnut Hall Farm, famous trotting horse nursery at Donerail, Ky., sold for $22,410 recently in New York. The top price was $5,600 for Real Frisco. Canadian and European buyers were present.

The American Legion which is preparing a campaign against illiteracy, in relative order, are Germany, Denmark, Switzerland, Holland, Finland, Norway, Sweden, Scotland, England, Wales and France. This country does not hold a rank in this respect that should inspire much National pride, but measures are being proposed in many quarters at once to better the situation.

Yearly consumption of potatoes in the United States is 3.2 b shels per capita. The 1922 potatoes last year there was a market for only 4 bushels. There was no need for the extra fifth bushel, yet that extra figth bushel set the price for the other 4 bushels. But that extra fifth bushel was not a full bushel. It represented culls, potatoes that were not dug because of low prices and thousands of bushels of potatoes that rotted or froze on the ground because the railroads could not handle them. Culls and losses culled the surplus bushel to approximately a peck, maybe less, possibly to nothing. Yet the culls set the price for all the potatoes consumed.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

To you and to those whose happiness is yours---

Permit us here to thank you for the most excellent business accorded our market.

A Happy New Year

Sellards Meat Market

IMMEMORIAL USAGE CITED IN RUM CASE

Washington, December 19.—The decision of Federal Judge Hand at New York holding that foreign vessels cannot bring intoxicating liquors into the territorial waters of the United States, was attacked as contrary to immemorial usage and unwarranted by any present law, in a brief for the foreign lines filed in the Supreme Court by former Attorney General George Wickersham.

Summing up his reasons for asking that the lower court be reversed, Wickersham declared that although the prohibition amendment and the Volstead enforcement act apply only to the United States and all territory subject to its jurisdiction, they do not operate to constitute regulations of the internal affairs of foreign merchant vessels coming within American waters.

Immemorial usage, the brief asserted, established the right of such vessels to carry beverages as a part of their stores or supplies for the use of passengers and crew, and something further than any law now on the statute books would be required to prohibit continuance of that custom, it was asserted.

Mere possession of liquor on board a ship, lawful in its inception, cannot become unlawful, Wickersham argued the moment the ship crosses the three-mile limit into American territorial waters. He declared the presence of these liquors on board while the ship is in Amercian waters and on her progress from the three-mil elimit to her dock and return was not transportation within the meaning of the prohibition amendment or enforcement act.

The brief covered more than a hundred printed pages and presented a review of the laws of foreign countries under which foreign steamships are required to carry intoxicating liquors and wines.

Of the more than 300,000 women nurses in the United States in 1920, more than half were below the standard of the registered nurse.

Miss Virginia Matthews entertained some of her friends at a six o'clock dinner Tuesday evening, after which they witnessed "Nice People" at the Malone Theatre.

SAYS WAGES WON'T GO BACK TO PREWAR LEVEL

Washington, December 19.—Wages will never return to the levels in effect before the war, Julius H. Barnes, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, asserted in an address today before the Washington City Club. The advance since 1913, he said, "is not wartime inflation, but a real increase in individual earning power", and he declared that "an economic system which can give us more for everyone—more automobiles more general education, more modern plumbing, more gramophones and bigger real wages—must be preserved".

Barnes said the decrease of 1,700,000 in the number of farm workers since 1900 was not "evidence of the decadence of agriculture", because improved machinery "has enabled fewer workers to get more production and men who have been released have been able to supply the brawn for the four great industrial development of the last twenty years—in automobiles, electricity, motion pictures and chemical work".

He declared the great problem before the nation was to distribute the wealth "so that it will not concentrate into the hands of a few" since, if that were permitted, "the broad purchasing market necessary to absorb our production" would be lacking.

Barnes said no constructive thuoghts have appeared in the present discussion of the telephone problem. He pointed to the investment since 1907 of fifteen to twenty billions in automobile trucks, six billions in good roads and five billions in service stations, compared with the relatively small investment in railroad terminal facilities as indicating "establishment of an individualistic competitive system of telephone which will not fall under the ban of over-regulation". Motor trucks, he added, are "hauling more than onehalf as much freight as the railroads and while a good deal of this is first haul to the railroads, it shows what can be done by a greater extension of the truck hauling plan".

Mrs. N. T. Boedker of Berkeley, Cal., helps immigrant women earn money by means of their native handiwork and teaches them lessons of citizenship.

SIKESTON EIGHT FORNFELT FOUR

Superintendent Ellise and Mrs. Elise chaperoned the Girls' Basketball team to Fornfelt Friday evening where they played the champion team of Southeast Missouri, in fact, the Fornfelt team had not been defeated during the past two seasons.

The game was warmly contested, but Sikeston was able to defeat the champions by a score of 8 to 4.

The Sikeston team was composed of Lottie Dover, Lena Plott and Anita Winchester, guards; Clar Lindley, center; Dorothy Lillard and Ruby Richards, forwards.

Superintendent Ellise and the entire High Schooi is mighty proud of the honor of beating Fornfelt.

Our girls play in white uniforms and present a very striking picture when in action. The white sweaters for the girls have been ordered and are expected at an early date.

The per capita consumption of eggs in the United States is half an egg a day, which totals about 52 million eggs a day.

In Sweden it is a popular custom for a bride to fill her pockets with bread, which she hands to everyone she meets on her way to the church. Every piece she disposes of is supposed to avert a misfortune.

The bill of Senator Norris, Republican, Nebraska, to establish a $100,000,000 government corporation to finance sale of agricultural products was ordered reported favorably by the Senate Agriculture Committee.

Roy Finch's love for wild horses, many of which he had mastered by his excellent horsemanship, although only 16 years old, led him to his death near his father's home, four miles north of Missouri City, in Clay County. While on a Western broncho without saddle and with only a halter on it, the animal broke and ran down the road. The boy was unable to check his mount's speed and, coming suddenly upon a herd of cattle being driven across the road, the rider was thrown, his pony falling on top of him among the stampeding cattle. The boy's neck wa sbroken. His father recently moved to this county from Montana and has about 25 head of western ponies.

The new freedom enjoyed by Turkish women has caused increased exports of lipsticks from the United States.

Announcement is made that the Palestine Government has arranged for a loan of £2,500,000 (normally about $12,500,000. The loan was floated in London.

To Our Good Friends and Patrons

To you whose friendship and good will have helped to make the past year a satisfactory one to us we send our cordial appreciation, and our sincere wishes for a

Happy New Year

May you enjoy a full measure of pleasure during the season and may the coming year bring you the greatest happiness and prosperity you have ever known.

Sikeston Electric Laundry Co.

RUSH OF HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS AT THE CLOSE OF PRESENT YEAR

Frank B. Newton, engineer in charge of District No. 10, State Highway Department, was in Cape Girardeau late yesterday and told The Missourian that he had recently awarded road contracts as follows:

At Kennett last Friday the following contracts were awarded: To M. E. Gillioz, a stretch of 11 miles running northwest from Holcomb, grading, graveling and bridging, $330,000. In this contract is a very large bridge over St. Francis and several other smaller bridges.

Another section of this contract, six miles, was awarded to Albert Creek at $93,500.

To W. A. Leach was awarded the first stretch of the concrete highway east and west through Kennett to the Arkansas line, 7 miles of 9-foot concrete with 7 feet of gravel, eight steel bridges, one costing $23,000, for $275,002.

To Robertson, Carmean and Bennett went the second stretch of 6 miles of 9-foot concrete and 7-foot gravel, with bridges, at $145,027.

To the Service Construction, of Poplar Bluff went the third stretch of 3.3 miles of the same type, at $89,252.

The same company secured the fourth stretch of the same contract, being 11 miles of the same type, at $300,924.

This stretch of 27.3 miles concrete and gravel highway, with numerous bridges, which will connect Kennett with the Arkansas concrete highway to Paragould, will cost $1,233,712, this price being the gross figure.

The letting of these latest contracts in Dunklin county places that county at the top in highway construction. A year or so ago Dunklin voted a bond issue of $1,2000,000 and contracts are now let to the extent of $1,762,000. Much federal and state aid is being received there and by the end of next year Dunklin will have a network of highways second to none in the state.

Last Staturday at Poplar Bluff a stretch of 19.7 miles of grading, graveling and bridging from Poplar Bluff to the Butler-Carter County line, was awarded to C. M. Wilson and P. G. Smith, two wealthy farmers of that county, at $152,000.

At Caruthersville last Friday a contract for two miles of graveled road 16 feet wide from Hayti southeast was awarded at $18,290.

Engineer Newton went to Marble Hill early today to open bids on the building of a graveled road from Patton to Marble Hill and a stretch of 6 miles from Marble Hill south.

Wednesday at Fredericktown he will open bids for the building of a graveled road, with bridges, from that place toward Ironton, a stretch of 5 miles.

Thursday at Bloomfield, he will wind up the letting of contracts under the Morgan-McCullough state aid law, when bids on a stretch of 5 miles of gravel on the Birds Point-Poplar Bluff highway will be opened. —Cape Missourian.

TUBERCULOSIS FREE CATTLE ARE WANTED

D F. Luckey, livestock commissioner of the National Stock Yards, East St. Louis, and formerly state veterinarian, left this afternoon for his home in St. Louis, after a week's trip in Cape Girardeau county, during which he urged the farmers to organize to eradicate tuberculosis from their herds of cattle.

Luckey said that he found the sentiment in Cape Girardeau county in favor of the movement and that he had several successful meetings here. He said he is urging the farmers to join and have their herds tested for tuberculosis. He said that packers are offering a 10 per cent increase in price for meat coming from counties from which the disease has been eradicated.—Cape Missourian.

Rev. Hibner of Morehouse will preach at the City Hall Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

For sometime farmers living north of Parma have been losing young pigs, kid goats, geese and chickens and were of the opinion that predatory animals were the source of the trouble but all efforts to catch the marauder proved futil until last Sunday night, when Elmer Burnett who lives three miles north of here caught the largest Bob Cat ever seen in this section of the country.—Malden Merit.

CHURCHES SEEK LAWS TO CHECK MATING OF UNFIT

Hartford, Conn., December 24.—More stringent marriage laws will be sought by the church organizations and those dispensing charity through a campaign just launched.

Judge Epaphroditus Peck of Bristol has been appointed by the State Federation of Churches to investigate the marriage and divorce laws and to prepare a report on proposals for physical examinations of both prospective brides and grooms.

The object of the campaign is to prevent the marriage of persons deemed not of the proper grade of health and intelligence to marry and rear families.

The charity organizations declare that much poverty is due to the marriage of unfit persons, and that many are prevented from earning a living because of mental and physical defects caused by hereditary taints.

Wood-Cunningham

On Friday evening, December 22, Miss Vera Cunningham, daughter of Mrs Sarah Cunningham, was married to John C. Wood, by Rev. Thos. B. Mather, at the Methodist parsonage.

Miss Cunningham has been a valued employee of the Scott County Milling Company and Mr. Wood is the scientific man in charge of the laboratory of the Scott County Milling Co. and is held in high esteem by his employes.

The newlyweds will makes their home with Mrs. Cunningham.

The Standard extends congratulations and best wishes for a happy wedded life.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cresap of Gideon spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Cresap's homefolks, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lescher.

Shortly after 8:00 o'clock Monday evening the fire department was called out to fight a blaze at the Coco Cola Bottling plant on Front Street. The fire was soon under control, but not until one of their delivery trucks was destroyed.

Five candidates, one of them a woman, have already announced for the office of county superintendent of Stoddard county at the election on April 3. They are: G. C. Meineke, A. J. Myers, Charles B. Miller, Amos E. Alexander, Mrs. Bertha Rhoades Williams.

CAR LOAD OF COTTON DAMAGED BY FIRE

A car loaded with bales of cotton was discovered to be on fire on the Frisco track last Sunday afternoon. The fire company responded to the call and soon had the fire put out.

In some manner, perhaps by tramps riding in the car, the fire broke out in the car which was in the middle of a long freight train headed north and the train crew cut the one car out so the fire company could get to it.

The bales were taken out of the car and while scorched and the burlap torn, were not badly damaged. The roof of the car was destroyed, but the car bottom and wheels were saved.

"The Impossible Mrs. Bellew" Dramatic Story of Great Power.

The Lance Bellews, a wealthy family whose home is on the Hudson, near New York, lived in discord. Lance Bellew, husband and father, finds the apartment of Naomi Templeton a more attractive lounging place than his own home, and the society of its mistress more diverting than that of his wife, Betty, and their little son. Betty is unaware of his infidelity.

Jerry Woodruff, a friend of long standing of the Bellews, is cognizant of the situation, and his sincere desire to prevent a family catastrophe shows itself in numerous kindly and perfectly innocent attentions to Betty and her boy.

Naomi sets out to make Bellew suspicious of his wife's relations with Woodruff, hoping to bring about a divorce and then to capture Lance as a husband. The result is a quarrel and Lance insults his wife. Jerry resents Bellews' conduct, and Bellew, infuriated by Woodruff's contempt, shoots and kills Jerry.

The efforts of Lance Bellew's relatives to persuade Betty to testify at his trial are fruitless; but a clever lawyer, by working on her love for her little son, wins her consent to this program. And then the lawyer achieves the acquittal of Lance by convincing the jury that the killing of Woodruff was justified. Betty finds that while her husband remains unpunished her own reputation is blasted.

Bellew, anxious to punish and humiliate Betty, sues her for a divorce and gets a decree. The referee decides that Betty is not a fit person to rear her child, and awards the custody of little Lance to his father.

Rendered desperate by this injustice Betty attempts to kidnap her boy. He is torn from her as a transatlantic liner is in Long Island Sound, ready to start for Europe. Aboard the liner is John Helstan, a young writer, and his father, Rev. Dr. Helstan. Young Helstan's sympathies are aroused by the plight of Betty. At Deauville, where they all go, Betty learns that the world is a hard place for a woman with such a reputation as that which has darkened her life. She is known as "The Impossible Mrs. Bellew", a name which comes after Alice Granville snubs her because of jealousy over Betty's attraction for Grand Duke Rostoy de Varnak, a notorious roue, who becomes infatuated with her.

John continues to defend Betty. Rev. Dr. Helstan, however, sees the trend of things and suggests a separation. Betty plans to bring this about by disgusting John with her conduct at a party given by the Duke. Meantime, Lance Bellew, married to Naomi, has learned the meaning of suffering and neglect. Aunt Agatha, repentant of her actions towards Betty in securing false testimony at the trial, quarrels wit hher son, takes little Lance and goes to Europe.

At Deauville she meets Rev. Dr. Helstan and tells him the truth regarding Betty. John returns from the party convinced that what the world says about Betty is true. He is told the truth, and returns to the Grand Duke's mansion just in time to rescue Betty from the embraces of the roue.

Betty, the child and John are reunited in the apartment of Dr. Helsan. A new and happier life opens itself out for "The Impossible Mrs. Bellew".

The Council of Ambassadors has sent a note to the German Ambassador in Paris acknowledging the receipt of the Ambassador's note concerning the attacks made at Stettin, Passau and Ingoldstadt on officers of the Allied Control Commission and also of the payment of the indemnity demanded. The council accepts the excuses offered on the understanding that they were formally offered in the name of the Bavarian Government and not in the name of the Reich. The note also asks for confirmation whether certain punishments which it had been announced would be inflicted had really been carried out.

A NEW YEAR FOR YOU

As the year wanes, and we stand on the threshold of a new one, with gratitude we remember that you have been our patron.

And our thoughts go out to you winged with wishes that health and happiness may ever be yours and that success in full measure may attend your future days.

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"The Food Market of Quality and Service"

The Holidays and the New Year

As we draw near the close of the year, we are conscious of the fact that we owe you a debt of gratitude for your friendship, without which the success of our business would be impossible.

We convey to you a word of thanks and cordial greetings, together with the sincere wish that the year 1923 will bring to you and yours much happiness, prosperity and contentment in plenteous measure.

Buckner-Ragsdale Store Company

COL. MABREY OUT AS 140TH'S COMMANDER

Col. Warren L. Mabrey, commander of the 140th Infantry, Missouri National Guard, has been relieved of his command, according to information here today.

Orders to Lieut. Colonel Kenrick Burrough, Cape Girardeau attorney, to take charge of the regiment, were received December 19. Col. Mabrey, in the same orders, was requested to turn over the money, property and all equipment of the regiment to the lieutenant colonel.

Personal investigation into the affairs of the regiment was made here last week by Col. Fred W. Manchester, assistant to the State Adjutant.—Cape Missourian.

FOX STAR IN STIRRING SHEIKLAND PICTURE

John Gilbert, the William Fox star, will be at the Malone Theatre next Wednesday in "Ariabian Love", a stirring story set in the Arabian desert with its sheiks its outlawry, its cruelty and its charm.

Gilbert plays the part of a white man who has been driven by necessity to join a band of Arab outlaws and who finds the band a good refuge—until he meets a white girl captive from a looted caravan. He wins his girl from the band, helps her to escape, and falls in love with her. She thanks her gallant rescuer, and does not learn until their romance has progressed into a deep love that Gilbert is a fugitive charged with the murder of her husband. The story is said to have all the dashing romance and thrill of the desert life.

Barbara Bedford plays opposite Gilbert.

Two thousand deadly weapons taken from persons arrested in New York during the year were hauled to sea Tuesday and dumped. They included more than 1500 pistols, 112 rifles and an assortment of knives, daggers, black-jacks and slugs.

Free seed went dow to defeat in the House Friday when an amendment offerd by Representative Langley (Rep.) of Kentucky to add an appropriation of $360,000 to the agricultural appropriation bill for distribution of seed by members of Congress, was voted down, 74 to 71.

Mrs. Sue Stallcup of Washington is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Stallcup.

Mrs. Wm. E. Payne, Mrs. Byron Guhtrie of Charleston, Misses Mary and Catherine Blanton were dinner guests Wednesday of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blanton.

A Highlander who prided himself on being able to play any tune on the pipes perched himself on the side of one of his native hills on Sunday morning and commenced blowing for all he was worth. Presently the minister came along, and, going up to MacDougall with the intention of severely reprimanding him, asked in a very harsh voice: "MacDougall, do you know the Ten Commandments?" MacDoougall scratched his chin for a moment, and then, in an equally harsh vocie, said: "D'e think you've beat me? Just whistle the first thre or four bars, and I'll hae a try at it".—The Argonaut.

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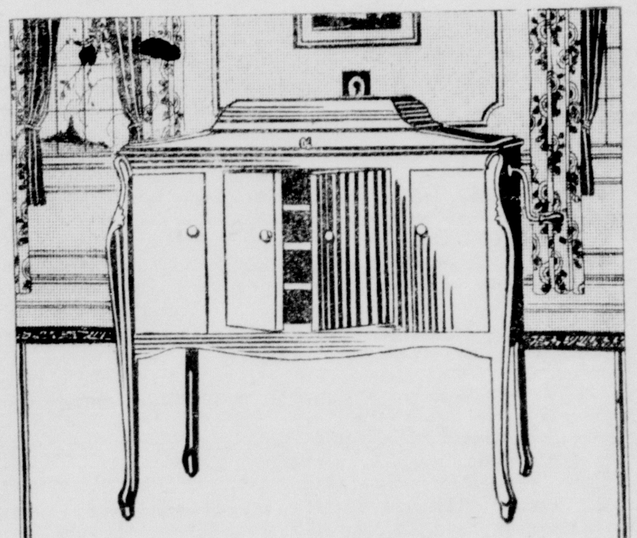

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce Ralph McCullough of Morley for Superintendent of Schools of Scott County, subject to the will of the voters at the April, 1923, election.

We are authorized to announce Jno. H. Goodin of Benton for Superintendent of Schools of Scott County, subject to the will of the voters at the April, 1923, election.

Small turkeys are better than big turkeys because there isn't so much hash on a small turkey.

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The editor's house on Christmas Day was a home of fuss, feasting and happiness. Our eight children and three grandchildren were present with Dr. Blanton, wife and two children, Stella Strack of Benton, and Foster Bruton of Columbia. On this occasion old trouble was laid aside and the day given to enjoyment.

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J. W. Sarff of Morehouse gave us a phone message Christmas morning to say that Santa Claus had sent nine pigs to the sow that he recently purchased at the L. H. Glover sale at Kansas City. They are by Liberator, the greatest Poland China male ever sired. Mr. Sarff seemed to be doing well at the time the message was sent.

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This issue of The Standard goes into every home in Sikeston. If any who are not already taking the paper desire to have it sent to their address for 1923, we would be glad to have them call at once. The management would like to place the paper in every home in this trade territory, but wouldn't give a penny for a list anywhere else. We shall try hard to make the paper worth the price and to be an asset to the community and solicit the co-operation of all.

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Sikeston has a modiste and designer of women's dresses of no mean ability. While the editor knows nothing about the intricasies of woman's wear, he will say that in Miss Fern Allen, Sikeston has an artist in the line of designing and executing woman's dresses that all should be proud of. Miss Allen has recently designed and made, several evening dresses that have been the equal of any brought in by the local merchants. It is very probable that she will spend a few weeks in Chicago this spring and take a course in designing to better enable her to give her patrons the best service.

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One of our letter writers undertakes to tell us why Mr. Wilson's name is always applauded when it is mentioned at any public gathering. Great Scott! Whose name would we applaud if not that of the man who gave us the only going ideal the world has before it in these parlous times? Mr. Wilson wanted us to quit fighting. Are we quitting or not? Well, everybody is so afraid to fight in the dispute over the Dardanelles and that over reparations that a dozen wars have gone by the borad within the last few weeks. He thought it would be easier for us to rid ourselves of war if we got off of one another's premises. Are we getting off? Well, the Japanese sail for home from some place in the East every week, and the British got out of Ireland the other day. There is a great idea blowing about on the wind. It is in all the seven seas and upon their shores. It is the idea that man as a predatory beast is not a success. Where did we get that idea? From Mr. Wilson. He did not need the League of Nations. He needed nothing but the welter into which the world got itself. Did he lose the 14 points? It doesn't matter. The ideal of peace lives. It gathers strength and force. It is the biggest thing in the world—the only perfect ideal the crazy old world has ever had. Is it, then, any wonder that when Mr. Wilson's name is mentioned the audience chers? No, indeed. At that, we have not begun to cheer yet.—Clark McAdams in Post-Dispatch.

The Church and War

There are about 140,000 ministers and priests in the United States. Before and after the World War they were for peace. During the war they were for war. Why was this? Because the people were for peace before and after the war and for war during the war, and the church, as the institution that reflects their emotional states, taught a corresponding doctrines. But why did the church gradually swing over to a war attitude, even before the United States went to war? First, because the American people were being gradually won over to the war position by the newspapers and the other propaganda forces, second, because the church, with annual expenditure of more than a third of a billion dollars, must go for financial assistance to the same group of financial interests that were using the newspapers to make a war. The ruling classes have had many reasons for making wars, but whatever the reason, they have always had a dependable ally in the emotional exaltation that was stirred up by the church. Historically it is quite fair to say that one of the functions of the church has been to arouse people in order that they might be more eager to fight. Certainly that is the experience of the past century. There have been Friends, Mennonites and other small sects that have made an honorable record as opponents to war. Jesus and His immediate followers (with the possible exception of Peter) were pacifists, but since the institutionalizing of the Christian Church, and its expropriation by Constantine, it has been consistently and invariably prowar.—the Nation.

The Sikeston merchants with few exceptions had their places of business decorated in keeping with the occasion. Business was very good and few articles will have to be carried over.

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It must ruffle certain Congressmen not a little to go back home and see a constituent now and then spending a few dollars on a new house or a car and realize that there goes some money the Government hasn't got.—Kansas City Star.

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Mrs. Joe Brasher of Caruthersville spent Christmas in this city with her mother, Mrs. Reva Smith. The Standard was honored with a call from Mrs. Brasher while here. At an early date she will dispose of the herd of Big Type Polands that her husband owned at the time of his death, among the number being a young male by Revelation, a National Grand Champion.

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Many of our readers have expressed regrets that The Standard will be issued but once a week. These are appreciated by the management very much, but the lack of sufficient support from our merchants and the slow collections from subscribers, has compelled the change before it was forced on us by the sheriff. Just as soon as the demand for space comes from the business men just then will the twice-a-week editions be resumed.

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Tuesday, February 20, 1923, C. L. Blanton & Sons will offer to the public at the McCord barn in Sikeston, 35 head of Big Type Poland bred sows and bred and open gilts. This offering will contain just as good individuals as was ever put in a sales ring in Southeast Missouri. For the past 3 years Milton and Ben Blanton have put in as long hours with their herd as any man in the state, have worked hard with little or no capital, and unless the farmer public and the breeders of the community give them better support than the last sale or two they had, they will have to sacrifice their herd to he butcher, lose all their houses, fencing, etc. It is hard to have the ambition of boys crushed but the senior member of the firm, who is a silent figure, cannot finance them further.

"BOSTON BLACKIE" COMING SOON TO MALONE THEATRE

A good crook melodrama with a brand new angle is a rare and pleasing thing in the movies. "The Face in the Fog" featuring Lionel Barrymore and Seena Owen and with Lowell Sherman heading the supporting cast, is said to furnish just such a story. The picture, which is a Paramount, will be seen at the Malone Theatre tonight (Friday).

"The Face in the Fog" was adapted from one of Jack Boyle's popular "Boston Blackie" stories Lionel Barrymore is seen as the famous crook. However, in this story, "Blackie" has reformed and is leading the life of a respectable citizen of New York. Quite innocent he and his wife "Mary" become involved in the schemes of a gang of international crooks to rob an expatriated Russian princess of her diamond heirlooms.

"Blackie" at once jumps into the swim on the side of righteousness and adapting some of the stratagems and tricks of the trade that he learned during his sojourn in the underworld, foils the villians, after a series of hair-raising and unusual adventures that take one behind the scenes in Broadway night life.

Lionel Barrymore is said to do some of the best work of his career as "Boston Blackie". Mary McLaren, former Universal star, is "Mary", and Seena Owen is seen as the princess. Lowell Sherman has an important role.

In 1890 the editor was living at Oran and soon after getting there he met a young man, 90 yars old, and he said to me: "Doctor have you a wife?" I answered yes, sir. He said: "Well, I want to tell you that she was mighty easy pleased".—Charleston Index.

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The Standard has no new resolves to make for the year 1923, but will endeavor to give a square deal to the public and to individuals. It will be its aim to advocate the things that are best for the community and condemn those that are a detriment. The bootlegger, the seducer, the ravisher, the law breaker, need expect no favors as they will get none and it matters not whose toes are stepped on.

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The government in the Union of South Africa is furnishing poison free to farmers and lending spray pumps in a campaign being made against voetgangers, or locusts. With the coming of spring in South Africa a few weeks ago the voetgangers became a dangerous pest. The law requires the occupant of land to report the appearance of locusts to the government. He is also held responsible for destroying them on land he occupies, but the government gives him the poison and the tools to do it with, having gathered large supplies of poison and spray pumps at convenient points.

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In a speech before the primary Ralph Lozier, now Congressman from the second district, stated that he was opposed to bonds of any kind being exempt from taxation, and if elected would take steps looking to the taxing of all bonds. We hope such will be his very first official act. In the speech referred to he stated that Secretary of the Treasury Mellon is worth 90 million dollars, 60 million of which he has in bonds and on which he pays not one cent tax. If such birds as Mellon, who never did a real day's work in his life, but worked the other fellow to a finish, had to pay a just tax on every dollar they own, the ordinary man would not be staggering under a tax burden that is making his eyes stick out.—Higbee News.

An Unsportsmanlike Claim

The Sikeston Standard, in an article published in its Friday issue and signed "Spectator" again opens the dispute which resulted from a mistaken decision made by the referee of the football game played in that city on November 3 between Charleston and Sikeston. The writer not only goes into a lengthy thesis in an effort to prove that Sikeston should be entitled to credit for the contest, but also goes out of his (or her) way to accuse Coach Ossenfort nad J. M. Haw of this city, of "unfair and unsportsmanlike conduct" as a result of their trip to Cape Girardeau the day following the game to present to the referee the rule under which an erroneous decision had been made upon the field of play. It seems to us that an accusation of poor sportsmanship comes with very poor grace from the author of the article in question.

Charleston and Sikeston were playing a game under the recognized rules of football. Due to the failure of the referee to know these rules fully, he erred, just as a trial judge sometimes errs in his decisions on the bench. The play in which the error was made was an unusual one, and one in which an error was excusable. Charleston protested the ruling and continued to play under protest, and shortly after the game was over the rule govering the play was found by which the referee's previous decision was proved erroneous and which, if the referee had known at the time, would have given Charleston the game on the field. Coach Ossenfort, members of the team and Mr. Haw, the latter only as a friend of the team, motored to Cape Girardeau the following day, presented the rule to the referee and obtained an admission from him that his previous decision was wrong under the rules, and that Charleston was entitled to the game instead of Sikeston.

It seems to us that if the game is to be played under certain rules, these rules should apply alike to the two teams at contest. To give Sikeston a game, which, under the rules, belongs to Charleston by a score of 6-2, might seem a fair and sportsmanlike procedure to the fans of Sikeston, but we doubt if any unbiased authority would so decide. If the rule book, as in the case at issue, syas that a ball blocked behind the line of scrimmage counts as a safety, by what twist of imagination can it be claimed that it should be counted as a tuochdown? Even had the referee in the case refusde to recognize his mistaken ruling, would it be right for "Spectator", whoever the alias conceals, to claim the decision, knowing it to be wrong? Isn't there such a thing as honesty in football, as in everything else?

As a lover of fair, clean football, the editor of this paper regrets than an occasion for this dispute arose, but at the same time we fail to see any possible ground for establishing the claim on the part of "Spectator", that Sikeston was entitled to this game, unless the rule book is to be discarded and the referee's admission of error disregarded. As to the charges of unfairness and unsportsmanlike conduct against Coach Ossenfort and J. M. Haw, such charges, coming from one of "Spectator's" evident viewpoint, are humorous.—Charleston Courier.

Grain Trade Bunc

The president of the Chicago Board of Trade says prohibition has lowered the price of grain, the inference being that the bear gamblers have not.

That is what the brewers and distillers began telling us about prohibition 30 years ago, as one state after another went "dry". Notwithsanding, grain prices on he whole continued to advance further than they receded in the quarter century preceding the war. Since that time the world has never seen such extreme need for breadstuffs and hasn't enough to eat today.

California grape growers supposed national prohibition would render their vineyards useless. Instead the demand for unfermented grapejuice, and the wider use of raisins as a food, requires them to grow five or six times as many grapes as formerly were turned into wine. In the same way the use of corn and malt grains hsa multiplied. Malted milk has an enormous sale.

John Barleycorn as a grain buyer never has been missed. The loss of his trade by farmers was almost immediately compensated for by an improved American standard of living, coincident and consequent upon the lessening of the drink evil. The president of the Chicago Board of Trade is talking bunc.—Capper's Farmer.

Leon Heisserer and Mrs. Catherine Norrid of Benton were recently married. Leon is a son of W. H. Heisserer, while the bride is a daughter of the late William Hunter. The Standard extens congratulations.

Mrs. Laura Smith had a family dinner on Wednesday.

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We Wish You Heartily the Season's Greetings

Prompted by a sense of deep appreciation and an earnest desire to convey to our good friends and patrons our feeling toward them, we send this greeting. As the tide of good wishes flow to you during the Joyous Holiday Season, we assure you that none are more sincere than ours for your prosperity and unlimited happiness.

Yes, we wish you a Merry Christmas and may it be the merriest one the world has even seen in all the centuries which have passed since that first glorious Christmas Day far off in Bethlehem.

In the Yuletide joy we shall not forget to say here that we deeply appreciate the loyal patronage, the friendship and good will of the many friends of

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The Joy We Wish for You

We wish for you that the highways of your lifeway may be resplendent with the blossoms of tender service, may you give and receive friendship; give love, faith and confidence and receive the full measure of reward; may you and your loved ones enjoy the Christmas season and may the New Year unfold to you a great measure of true happiness and prosperity of lasting nature.

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With hearty good wishes from every member of this Company to YOU and YOURS for a Prosperous Nineteen Twenty-Three.

The Little Daisy
Bert Swinney, Prop.

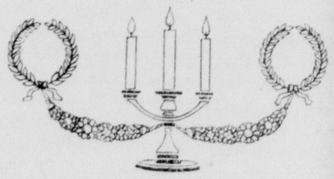
Not because it is an honored custom, but because of the sincerity of our appreciation, we take this opportunity to thank you for the part you have played in our business prosperity, and we wish you a Happy New Year.

THE GEM---Dode's Place

My Holiday Toast To You

May all things that impart delight
Be richly spread upon your board,
And may you have an appetite
Demanding all you can afford.

Ed Wilson's Place



The good will of the Christmas season
reminds us of your good will
throughout the year
for which we give our heartfelt thanks.
May happiness, prosperity and great success
be yours throughout the coming year.

Citizens Store Company

GREETINGS

At this season our thoughts revert gratefully to those whose courtesy, co-operation and loyalty have assisted in making ours the

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Mrs. B. F. Blanton and daughter Emily and Ben Blanton visited in Cairo Thursday.

Miss Alfreda Denon will return to Browns Business College at St. Louis Tuesday, where she is a student.

Clyde King of Eldorado, Ill., returned to his home Tuesday, aftr a pleasant visit at the home of Miss Alfreda Denton.

Miss Jacobs, who has been on an extended visit with Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Kready, returned to her home in Forth, Kansas Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Wilson entertained with a six o'clock dinner Wednesday evening. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Dover of St. Louis, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Matthews and Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Wilson.

The following young ladies were dinner guests of Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Kready on Christmas evening, complimentary to Miss Helen Calder, he house guest of Miss Helen Kready: Misses Honora Bailey, Dixie Fox, Fleta Kiser and Flora Ing of Poplar Bluff.

On January 11th, the first of a series of high class entertainments that will be financed by the members of the Methodist Church will be an organ recital by Charles Galloway, which promises to be very fine. These entertainments will be free, but a silver offering will be accepted at the door.

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Joe Craig to W. H. & Orpha Trout all of New Madrid County: All of the NW¼ of the SW¼, sec. 8, wp. 22, range 12 containing 40 acres. $3,-000.

John T. Pearson and wife to G. B. Sherrell of New Madrid County: SW¼ sec. 5, twp. 21, range 11, containing 155.41 acres. $14,250.

W. M. Busby and wife of Willow Springs to William Hartman of Cape Girardeau County: The E½ of lots 8, 9, 10 and 11 in block 3 in the original town of Matthews. $400.

Same parties to Mrs. Mary Davis of Cape County: All of the W½ of los 8, 9, 10 and 11 in block 3 in the original town of Mattehsw $800.

N. E. Fuchs, et al of Scott County to Mrs. Ruth E. Swansey of Lilbourn: A portion of ground located between the right of way of St. Louis Southwestern R. R. and San Francisco R. R. in range A city of Lilbourn; also all that par of NW¼ of NE¼ sec. 35, twp. 23, range 13 lying south of the right-of-way of St. Louis San Francisco R. R. east of the right of way of St. Louis and San Francisco R. R. For a more paricular description see book 79 page 194 New Madrid County Records. $1.00 and exchange of real estate.

S. J. Harris and wife of Gideon to Andy Miller of New Madrid Co. Lot 6, block 2 town of Hartzell. $50.00

Wm. Pryor and wife to Charles C. Fields of New Madrid Couny: All of lot 8, block 32 and 20 feet off of the West side of lot 7 from front to the alley De Lisle's 1st add. to the city of Portageville. $1000.

Marriage License

Claude Cooper and Mildred Bailey, both of Point Pleasant.

Donnie Durbin of Point Pleasant and Pearlie Williford of Conran.

William Ponter and Willa E. Freeman, both of Conran.

Hugh Garrison and Myrtle Hardin, both of Conran.

Clarence Brown of Lilbourn and Ruby Johnson of Catron.

Miss Louise Purdy of Poplar Bluff was a visitor to Miss Denton during the holidays and attended the Christmas dance.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Prow entertained with a six o'clock dinner Wednesday complimentary to their daughter, Miss Mary Ethel, who is at home from Hollin's College. Covers were laid for Misses Francoise Black, Mary Blanton, Catherine Blanton, and Mary Ethel Prowe, Lewis Emory Baker, Paul Gilbert, Riley Brown of Charleston and Foster Bruton of Columbia.

TREASURES IN TOMB OF KING TUTANKHAMIN

New York, Dec. 26.—The Metropolitan Museuum of Art will receive ancient objects of intrest and great value, according to a special cable dispatch from London yestrday if the Earl of Carnarvon can obtain the consent of the Egyptian Government.

Lord Carnarvon's explorations recently tapped the tomb of King Tutankhamin in the "Valley of the Kings" or Royal Nooropolis of the Theban Empire, disclosi of the greatest archaeological find of modern times. Although thousands of objects whose total value runs into millions have been found, the work is not yet complete. In a sealed chamber, yet untouchd, there are probably things beyond an archaeologist's dream.

Holding the keenest appreciation for the excavation work done by Harry Burton, a member of the staff of the Metropolitan Museum, Lord Carnarvon, the dispach said, is urging the Egyptian Government to show its recognition of the munificence displayed by the Metropolitan on behalf of Egyptian archaeology by giving the museum a substantial present.

The Museum at Cairo has first right to every object discovered by Lord Carnarvon and his staff of workers, buut it is said in London, there is no disposition on the part of the Egyptian authorities to forget American help in the work of exploration.

Among the most recent finds in this wonderful omb are two life-sized figures dressed in magnificent coats of mail. On examination the armor was found to be fashioned entirely of turquoises, beautiful beyond description, and worked with a skill and sense of art far beyond anything discovered in ancient Greece.

These figures are described as beign of fabulous archaeological interest value. It is believed Lord Carnarvon desires the Metropolitan Museum collection be enriched by a gift of one of them.

When Edward Robinson, director of the Metropolitan Museum, was asked yesterday about the possible gift, he said the report, although unofficial, was a gratifying surprise to him. He had no intimiation Lord Carnarvon was trying to obtain any of the King Tutankhamin relics for the Metropolitan. The museum had no title or right to any of them, he explaind; but, appreciating their rar value, would be more than delighted to receive any the Egyptian Government might generously give.

Lord Carnarvon's excavations were carried on through the active assistance of Howard Carter, American archaeologist, in a region long thought to have been exhausted of treasure. They went down to bed rock, moving 200,000 tons of rubbish, earth and stone, working directly in front of the important tomb of Ramses VI, long open to touriss. November 5 Mr. Carter reached a wall on which was faintly discernible the scal of hte royal nercropolis. Behind it lay the treasure house.

The two auter chambers, each containing a multiciplicy of objects, had been robbed in ancient times, probably by natives, who carried away gold and silver. The thefts had been discovered and the chambers resealed. The objects left, some broken but many in perfect condition, littered the passageways and so filled the chambers that work of opening an inner chamber, thought to contain the sarcophagus of King Tutankhamin, could not be started.

Among the objects found in the outer chambers, besides the two coats of mail, were two life size statues of King Tutankhamin, one in perfect condition, and a marvel of workmanship; huge gilded coaches, beds, chariots, walking sticks, alabaster vases and a variety of boxes, some painted and others with every sort of costly inlay. One of the most valuable objects wsa a throne, its back panel portraying the King and Queen, the figures being worked in semi-precious carved stones inlaid in wood.

The chamber leading to the actual vault of the King was filled to a depth of five feet with furniture, statuettes boxes and every other conceivable object.

W. S. Way spent Xmas in Cape Girardeau with his sister and family, Judge and Mrs. Misfeldt.

Here's to the McCuthchen's of the picure show! May the New Year bring them increased patronage and they continue to give us the same high class entertainment they are now giving.

Henry Meldrum Post of the American Legion at a meeting Wednesday evening elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Commander, John Inman; Vice-Commander, Ray Hudson; Adjutant, John Humble; Finance Officer, Robley Lennox; Insurance Officer, G. W. Presnell; Historian, Green Lescher; Chaplain, Father Woods.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE

The Woman's Club of Sikeston and their husbands will, on Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock, at the Hotel Marshall, entertain the members of the Chamber of Commerce and their wives, and the Lions Club and their wives and the tachers of the Grade and High School.

Prof. Douglass, of the Southeast Missouri Teachers' College, will give a talk on "World Problems". Those who were fortunate enough to hear Prof. Douglass last year will be glad to hear of his return visit. There will also be several musical numbers and a very enjoyable evening is anticipated.

DR. WILBUR F. CRAFTS, NOTED PROHIBITION WORKER, DIES

Washington, Dec. 27.—Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts, for 28 years superintendent of the International Reform Bureau, which he founded, and widely known because of his activities on behalf of prohibition and similar movements, died at a hospital here today of pneumonia. He was 73 years old.

Dr. Crafts, charged by opponents of legislation he sponsored with being a "Reform fanatic", was for years a picturesque figure in congressional lobbies and committee rooms. By those in sympathy with his policies he was credited with having an influential part in enactment of prohibition, of laws to restrict the use of narcotics and of legislation of similar nature. Outspoken in his opposition to Sunday amusement, Dr. Crafts sought to have them banned by legislation.

After funeral services here tomorrow the body will be sent to Westerly, R. I., for burial.

Baptist Church

9:30—Sunday School classes for all ages and grades. J. C. Horne Supt.

11:60—Morning worship. Good singing. The pastor has a message on: "The Immortality of Our Influence" from the text "He being dead yet speaketh."

6:30—The B. Y. P. U. Meets for Bible Study and social worship. Mission study about China.

7:30—Evening worship. Good music led by the choir. The pastor will speak on "Opening the Windows of Heaven" or "Giving God a Chance in Your Life".

This is the last Sunday in the year. Come to the House of the Lord. We all need the spiritual uplift of the preached word and the fellowship of social worship. A cordial welcome awaits you at our church.

REV. S. P. BRITE, Pastor

Methodist Church

9:30.—Sunday School.

10:45.—Preaching: "A New Year Message".

2:00.—Junior League.

6:30.—Intermediate and Senior Leagues.

7:30.—Preaching. Subject: "Our Pattern".

We extend to all a cordial invitation to worship with us in these services. Start the New Year with a resolution to attend church regularly. We welcome you.

THOS. B. MATHER, Pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Buchanan visited Mr. and Mrs. Hufstedler at Cape Girardeau this week.

Miss Gretchen Dunaway, teacher at Harrisburg, Ill., and who is spending the holidays with her parents at Morehouse, was a Sikeston visitor Thursday.

Audrey Myers, son of Irvin Myers living near Blodgett, received the Ford touring car given away by the Farmers Supply Company last Saturday afternoon. Much interest was manifested in this gift and the Farmers Supply Co., the Stubbs Clothing Co., Eagle Drug Store, Dudley's Place and Walpole's Meat Market, gave away thousands of tickets.

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic
For Pale, Delicate Women and Children. 60c

LUDEN'S
MENTHOL COUGH DROPS
for nose and throat
Give Quick Relief

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Clay of Mexico, Mo., is spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Stalleup and Mr and Mrs. E. A. Lawrence

Southeast Missouri will remember the year of 1922 as one of the most disastrous ever experienced in any agricultural community. Hard times with the merchant and business man from the highest to the lowest. It is hoped the year 1923 will bring relief all along the line.

Mrs. Ed Crowe and son Henry, of Dexter, were guests of relatives in Sikeston this week.

The house on Williams street occupied by W. P. Wilkinson and owned by Jack Shelton, sent in alarm Wednesday night shortly after 8:00 o'clock that called on the fire department. It was the flue burning out and no particular damage was done.

Sikeston Standard $1.50 per year.

Fred A. Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Young, who has been attending the Gem City Business College at Quincy, Ill., is at home for the holidays.

Sikeston De Molay Chapter will give a New Year's dance at the City Hall Monday evening. Music from Cairo, and the price will be $2.50 per couple. The public is invited.

At this season our thoughts go out in gratitude to our friends who have made our past year's business successful. May the coming year bring you Happiness and Prosperity.

Sikeston Cleaning and Tailoring Co.
ELMER MATTHEWS

At this season we like to feel that in a broad sense our patrons are our partners. That our success is but a reflection of yours. And so on the eve of a New Year we thank you and sincerely hope the coming months will bring you greater happiness and prosperity than ever before.

MALONE THEATRE

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. McCutchin
Randol Wilson, House Manager
Sylvia Arbaugh, Cashier
Marion "Shorty" Hardy, Operator
Mrs. Ernest Swanner, Pianist
Leland Payne, Drummer

MALONE THEATRE
Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 1 and 2

She's Irresistible!

You'll see a new and greater Gloria Swanson in this picture. Gloria as a gay divorcee, tarnished by the tongues of scandal shocking the gilded Monte Carlo throngs with her daring—and breaking her heart in silence.

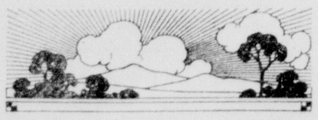
Gloria wearing wonderful new gowns, which she went to Paris to get especially for this picture. Gloria flirting on the beach at Deauville, French society's famous playground, amid a hundred one-piece bathing beauties.

A dazzling fashion show and a mighty heart-drama! With Conrad Nagel, June Elvirdge and Robert Cain in the supporting cast.

Gloria Swanson in
"The Impossible Mrs. Bellew"

A Sam Wood Production
From the novel by David Lisle
Scenario by Percy Heath

ALSO SNUB POLLARD COMEDY
"Bride-to-Be"
AND NEWS
Matinee Monday Afternoon at 2:30
Admission 20c and 40c



Appreciating our pleasant business relations during the past we wish you the compliments of the Season and trust that the coming New Year will bring the best you have ever known in Happiness and Prosperity.

Sikeston Concrete Tile and Construction Company

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS FROM MATTHEWS

George Clifford of Chicago is the guest of Miss Addie James this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Butt and children spent Monday in Sikeston with relatives.

Mrs. Cecila Davis of Ohio is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Prouty this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Emery and children spent Xmas in East Prairie with relatives.

Mrs. Albert Deane and little daughter and Mrs. Loy Roberts were Sikeston visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Kerr of New Madrid attended the Xmas entainment here Monday evening.

Misses Ella and Della Harper of Sikeson are the guests of their cousin, Miss Dorothy Waters this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Swartz and Mr. and Mrs. George Steele attended the Christmas dance in Sikeston Monday evening.

A large number of people from Canalou, New Madrid and Kewanee attended the entertainment here Monday evening.

Luther Dockins returned to his home in Cape Girardeau Tuesday after spending Xmas with his aunt Mrs. L. Deane.

Mr. and Mrs. George Reed and daughter and son, Flossie and Clifford, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. M. H Sutton and chidren were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Warren's Wednesday.

Clarence Morgan returned to his home in Mimmons, Arkansas Monday after a few days visit with his aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. Dave Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. Newell Arnold and little daughter Madge of Cape Girardeau and Mrs. Fred French of Chaffee spent Xmas with Mr. and Mrs. Luke French.

Several of our citizens motored to New Madrid Wednesday to attend the trial of Dick Carr, who shot and killed Roy Woodard at Hough December 17. The trial was put off until January 2nd.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Clarke died at the home of Mrs. Clarke's mother Mrs. Arthur Yates, two miles west of Matthews Tuesday. Rev. Tom Mills conducted the funeral services at the Mehodist church Wednesday afternoon, after which the remains were laid to rest in the Matthews cemetery.

The Xmas Cantata and tree Monday evening was voted by all a grand success. Much praise is due the ladies who had given their untiring efforts in training the children so wonderfully. Also the men who had such a wonderful tree and did all they could to help in every respect. The ladies in charge of the program were Mesdames Leon Swartz Oscar Carrol Frank. Ratcliff and W. H Deane, The gentlemen who provided the nice tree were Frank Ratcliff, Leon Swartz G. F. Deane and B. F. Swartz. There was the largest crowd that had ever assembled at Matthews before an entertainment and the order was simply splendid. There were treats on the tree for every child.

Woolard Baker returned to Memphis Wednesday, accompanied by his grandmother, Mrs. H. W. Baker, Sr. Mrs. Baker expects to be gone two months.

New Year's Greetings

Our business relations have been most pleasant and we take advantage of the present season to send you best wishes for the New Year.

Elite Hat Shop

This is just a little greeting but it carries hearty

GOOD WISHES

for your health and happiness during the

NEW YEAR

GEORGE ARNOLD, Treasurer of Scott County

MALONE THEATRE

WEEK OF JANUARY 1st

Nights 7:15 O'clock

Monday and Tuesday, January 1 and 2

Gloria Swanson and Conrad Nagel

IN

"Impossible Mrs. Bellew"

Also Snub Comedy "Bride-to-be" and News

20c and 40c

Gloria Swanson and Mickey Moore in a Scene from the Paramount Picture "The Impossible Mrs. Bellew"

Wednesday, January 3

John Gilbert in

"Arabian Love"

Also News. 10c and 20c

Thursday, January 4

Miss Dupont in

"Rage of Paris"

Also Movie Chat

10c and 20c

Friday, January 5

SPECIAL FEATURE

Wallace Reid and Lila Lee in

"The Dictator"

By Richard Harding Davis

Supported by Theodore Kosloff

Also a St. John Comedy, "Straight from Farm" And Aesops Fables 10c and 30c

Saturday, January 6

Frank Mayo in

"Doctor Jim"

Also Ruth Roland in

"The Timber Queen", Episode 4

Matinee 2:30, Night 7:15 10c and 20c

Coming: "The Pride of Palomar"

Peter B. Kyne Story

The Joy We Wish for You

We wish for you that the highways of your lifeway may be resplendent with the blossoms of tender service, may you give and receive friendship; give love, faith and confidence and receive the full measure of reward; may you and your loved ones enjoy the Christmas season and may the New Year unfold to you a great measure of true happiness and prosperity lasting nature.

ELI ABLES

The Message of the Bells

RING, ring, O bells of Christmas-tide,
Your joyful message far and wide;
Through all the land proclaim
This is the blessed Day of days
When here, to walk earth's troubled ways,
The Lord our Savior came!

O not with pomp and splendor fine,
But 'mongst the lowly sheep and kine,
And cradled in the straw,
He came, and low the path He trod
Always—the greatest gift from God
An erring world e'er saw.

As in the dawning eastern skies
The Wise Men watched the Star arise
That heralded His birth,
Thus we await God's Kingdom come,
When man and all God's creatures dumb
Shall dwell upon this earth

In brotherhood; when war shall cease
And Love and Universal Peace—
Their banners white unfurled—
With tenderness and gentle sway,
Their watchword "Mercy," shall for aye
Prevail throughout the world!

Fling out your message, O ye bells,
Your cadence silvery foretells
The gracious times to be
When sweet Compassion, angel fair,
O'er this our land and everywhere
Shall brood perpetually!

—Louella C. Poole.

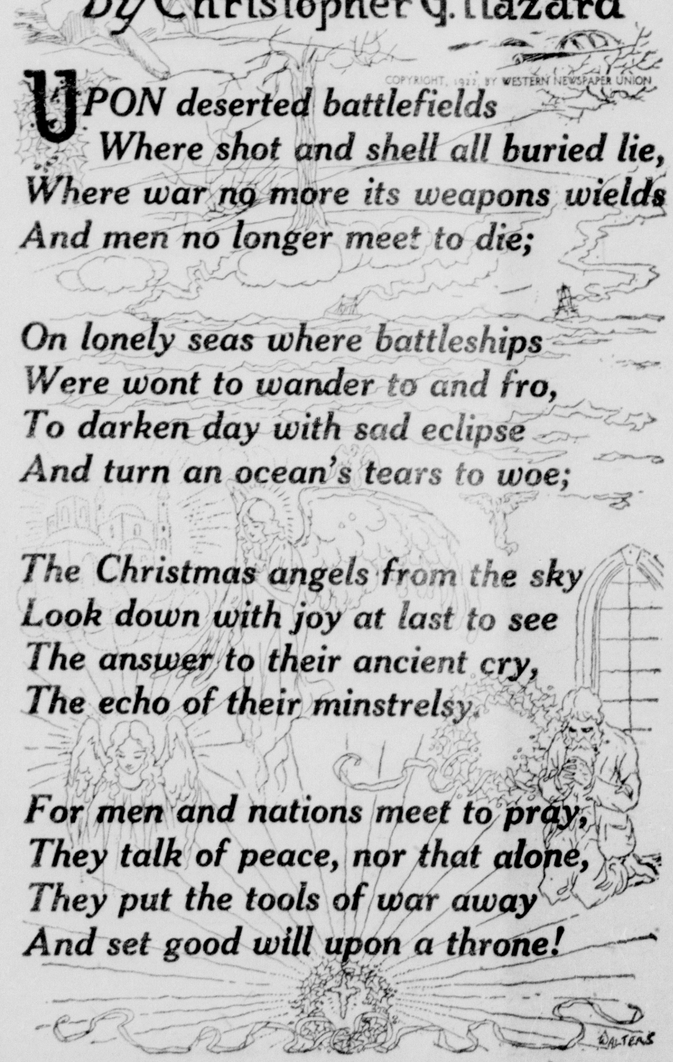
The Childless Ones

IT IS at Christmas time we feel it most,
When in the close packed stores
The mothers, anxious-eyed, maybe of slender purse,
Weigh this doll's hat against that box of ducks,
Or choose a string of gorgeous, glittering balls
To grace the Christmas tree.
We press along the crowded aisles and eye
The endless toys, the fascinating tiny sets
Of tea things, the dolls' trunks, the furniture,
Sometimes we even buy; why should we not pretend,
Just for a little while, that there's someone at home
Belonging to us—of our very own—
Whose stockings must be filled?
'Tis like enough we have worked hard to aid
With many little gifts the lucky ones
Whose quivers are too full;
But in the glowing avenue's late afternoon,
When swarms flit past us of those busy folk
Whose arms are piled with sleds and drums and such,
Whose pockets bulge with candy,
And we walk on toward home with empty hands
Because we need buy nothing, nothing, nothing—
It is at Christmas we feel it most!

—Ethel Wolff, in New York Times.

Christmas 1922

By Christopher G. Hazard



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UPON deserted battlefields
Where shot and shell all buried lie,
Where war no more its weapons wields
And men no longer meet to die;

On lonely seas where battleships
Were wont to wander to and fro,
To darken day with sad eclipse
And turn an ocean's tears to woe;

The Christmas angels from the sky
Look down with joy at last to see
The answer to their ancient cry,
The echo of their minstrelsy.

For men and nations meet to pray,
They talk of peace, nor that alone,
They put the tools of war away
And set good will upon a throne!

"MR. BOB"

By GEORGIA F. HARRIS

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Little Bobbie's eyes were popping with excitement as he burst into the living room, where his mother sat reading the evening paper.

"See, mother," he cried, breathlessly, as he pulled a large, brown envelope from his blouse, "I met a man down the road, and he told me to give you this for your business."

As Mrs. Merwin tore open the envelope, she gave a quick start of surprise. A large roll of bills lay before her!

"Why, Bobbie, boy!" she exclaimed, her pretty face showing her bewilderment, "tell mother everything that happened."

Bobbie had now regained his breath. "I was pickin' daisies over in Jenkins' field, and when I was comin' home, I met Mr. Bob."

Mrs. Merwin was silent for a few moments. "Did he ask you about your father?" she finally asked.

"Yep, and I told him my dad ain't been 'round here for ever so long—"

"What did he say when he gave you the money?" interrupted Mrs. Merwin, as she nervously fingered the large roll of bills.

"He just told me to give it to you for your business, then—" Bobbie hesitated, as if preparing for a confession—"he kissed me—just like I was a girl—and told me to bring the envelope right home to you."

Letty Merwin took the money from the drawer. She stared at the large roll of bills, as if searching for an answer to the burning questions in her brain.

Why had Bob Merwin, for surely it was he, sent her this money? Memories of her father's anger when he had driven Robert from the house, of her remorse because she had told her father of the quarrel with Robert, and of Robert's wrath as he swore never to look again at the wife who was ruled by an unreasonable father, loomed up with startling clearness, as she meditated.

Suddenly, with an apprehensive shiver, she snatched up the evening paper and searched for a little item which, earlier in the evening, had received but a glance. Yes, there it was—"Whiteton general store robbed of $1,000. Robert Smith, a clerk in the store, very cleverly made away with $1,000—"

A strange, stern look crept into Letty Merwin's eyes. When last she had heard of Robert he had been working in Whiteton. Before she could put the money into the drawer the door opened and a man stepped into the room.

"Robert Merwin!" burst from Letty's trembling lips.

"I couldn't go away, Letty," murmured the man brokenly. "I tried to, but, somehow, I couldn't. I don't expect your forgiveness," he went on, as she didn't speak, "and I know I shouldn't come; but I met little Bobbie and—" He stopped, for his wife had hastily picked up the money and was silently offering it to him.

"I was afraid you'd feel that way—yet I hoped—"

"You thought I'd take this money?" said Letty.

"I hoped, that is, until—" he paused, for Letty was holding before him the newspaper, and was pointing to the robbery item with an accusing finger. "Does that mean anything to you?" she asked quietly—too quietly.

The man read the item without betraying the slightest emotion. "I guess I deserve that—perhaps more," he replied in a low voice. He took a bank book out of his pocket and opened it to a page which showed that $1,000 had been withdrawn a few days before. The book also showed regular weekly deposits for over two years. He then took a bunch of pay envelopes from another pocket.

"I guess these will tell the story," he said slowly, "because the envelopes check up with the bank book deposits."

An ashamed blush reddened Letty's cheeks as she read "Ridgeton National Bank" on the book and noticed a single dollar in the balance column.

"Why didn't you come to me yourself?" she faltered, after an awkward pause.

"I had been looking forward to it for weeks, just waiting for my money to reach the thousand mark. I was nearly home when I met Bobbie and learned from him how things are. Funny—the prattling of a little youngster can really mean a great deal sometimes."

"What did Bobby tell you?" Letty's voice had a suspicious tremor in it.

"He just repeated the gossip that is probably around the village. Evidently he heard some of them say that his dad, who had been away for a long time, would be 'sneaking back,' now that his mother was successful in business." The man turned toward the door.

"The old gossips," cried Letty indignantly. "I didn't know—Bobbie didn't tell me all. They don't know or understand—"

"Understand what?" The man caught his breath sharply.

"Understand that I've always been waiting for you to come back to Bobbie—and me," answered Letty softly. "Can you forgive me?" She pointed to the newspaper item.

"Forgive?" he repeated, a happy light breaking over his tired face. . . .

Together they stole into the room beyond, where Bobbie, with one chubby hand tucked under his chin, lay dreaming.

His Real Name

YOUNG January being poor wears nothing but his skin,
While February in a robe of ermine rare comes in.
March shivers in a worn brown cloak, and April frail and fair,
Is folded in a rainbow scarf with snowdrops in her hair.
May dons the apple blossom's pink and June the rose's red,
July in faded overalls picks cherries for his bread.
And August treads the sunny fields a stately Indian queen
Apparelled like standing corn in silken gold and green.
September, purple cointured, bears a basket piled with grapes,
Dark amethystine globes from which a juicy dew escapes.
October is a cavalier, so flaunts a crimson plume,
November, telling beads of rain, is cowled in fog and gloom.
But when December comes, beholdl he's whiskered, booted, furred,
His ringing laughter like the sound of merry bells is heard.
His arms are filled with many gifts and holly wreaths because
The little children know him first and named him Santa Claus.

—Minna Irving.

Christmas Land

OH, Christmas Land is not so far,
It's just across the hall
Within the little living room
Where holly decks the wall.
Right in the middle stands a tree
With crimson tinsel gay,
And strange and wondrous is the fruit
It bears on Christmas day.

An apple and an orange grow
Upon the same green bough,
A wagon and a rocking horse,
A sled and spotted cow;
And nuts and sparkling sugar plums,
And drums and skates and horns,
And dolls with flaxen tresses drop
Like pears on windy morns.

But only little boys and girls
That always mind at school
And know their daily lessons well,
And try to keep each rule,
And say their prayers every night,
Can hope to join the band
Of happy children 'round the tree
That grows in Christmas Land.

—Minna Irving, in Kansas City Star.

The Nativity

'TWAS Christmas Eve, and bitter cold,
The wind had ceased to blow:
I saw a cottage by the road
Half buried in the snow.
An upper window showed a light,
And over field and fen,
A joyous peal of bells announced
The birth of Christ again.

Lo, from the lighted window came
A new-born baby's cry,
And o'er the cottage roof, behold,
A star shone in the sky—
Perhaps the very same that stood
O'er Bethlehem of yore,
For Christ in every little child
Is born on earth once more.

—Minna Irving, in Munsey's Magazine.

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Our Greetings to You

Mr. Automobile Owner:

The money you have spent in our business has been appreciated here more than you imagine.

Our business would be nothing without the good will of you people who buy from us. We want to thank you for the patronage you gave us this year. And if at any time during the past year any transaction occurred that was not entirely satisfactory we want you to come and tell us so. We want to adjust anything that you feel should be adjusted. Give us a chance to square up everything for 1922 and start 1923 with a clean slate.

Our plans are for better service and better goods and better values during the coming year. You will find it profitable to visit our store often.

So, we thank you particularly for your business and friendship in the past and we wish you for 1923 a mighty HAPPY and PROSPEROUS time.

Let's all pull together and make Southeast Missouri a better place to live and a better place to do business.

Cordially Yours,

LOUIS C. ERDMANN

Dodge Brothers
Chevrolet
Dealer

100 North Kingshighway Sikeston, Mo.

Christmas 1922
New Year 1923

We desire to extend to you the compliments of the season and express our sincere wishes for your happiness at this Christmas time and prosperity the Coming Year with continuance of the cordial relations existing between us.

M. L. WEISS
THE SIKESTON TAILOR

WOMAN PROMOTER WHO GOT $200,000 IS SENTENCED

Pomeroy, O., Dec. 20.—Mrs. Susan Kraus, who was charged with having obtained more than $200,000 from residents of Pomeroy by questionable financial methods, was sentenced to from one to 20 years in the Marysville Reformatory for Women by by Judge A. P. Miller today.

"It might have been worse" the combrely dressed, 60-year-old woman said to her husband, George Kraus, who was waiting for her in the corridor of the jail.

"Goodby", she called to newspaper men.

The woman was charged with embezzlement.

War-Time Prejudice

State Governors should make haste to follow the example of the chief executive of Illinois and free the unfortunate victims of their vicious anti-sedition legislation. Nor is this enough. As the New York World argues, veery one of these laws (three-fifths of the states have such acts, almost all passed after the war) should be repealed. Better still, perhaps, would be to have them judicially declared unconstitutional, which in fact they undoubtedly are. This is not impossible, as the United States Supreme Court has granted a writ of error in the case of Benjamin Gitlow, convicted under the New York act. It is time to bury forever the absurd attempt to punish a man not for what he does but for what he thinks—what some bigoted zealot thinks he thinks. Or, on the other hand, the cancelling of one of Madame Gadski's concerts and the efforts to prevent Commander von Muecke's lectures are discouraging. Von Muecke is one of the most gallant sailors who ever lived; his marvelous exploits took place long before the United States entered the war and were beyond criticism of illegality. He has, it is reported, been cordially received in England, where they know how to honor a worthy foe and recognize that if he had been in the allied service he would stand out as a chief naval hero of the war.—the Nation.

In Lapland the women have from time immemorial stood on an equal footing with the men of the community. The sexes have equal civil and moral rights and equally severe labor as the daily round.

It is recorded that in the desert of Arabia north of Hail, in the foothills of the Skammar Mountains in February, the thermometer fell 78 degrees a little before sunset, to 18 degrees a quarter of an hour after sunset. Variations of from 30 to 40 degrees in an hour are not unusual.

AGRICULTURAL PAPER MADE ELIGIBLE FOR REDISCOUNT

Washington, Dec. 20.—Bankers' acceptances of six months' maturity, drawn by growers of staple agricultural products or co-operative marketing associations, are eligible for purchase or rediscount by the Fedcral Reserve banks, under a ruling promulgated today by the Federal Reserve Board as a step in the direction of longer term credits for agriculture.

Officials declared the decision, which makes the agricultural paper eligible for rediscount for six months instead of three, "should be of material assistance to co-operative marketing associations in financing the orderly marketing of crops"

A "Scab's" Rights.

Men who escaped from the Herrin massacre have been telling the story of their experience. It is a story of treachery and cold-blooded atrocity. It is a story of first hand knowledge and there is no cross-examination by counsel for the defense. At the close one of the latter asks one question: "You were one of the guards sent down by the Hargraves agency?" Witness: "Yes". Attorney for defense: "That is all". The theory of defense is "justifiable homicide". The story of atrocity is not shaken. It cannot be shaken. Counsel for the defense merely establishes that the witness and victim was a "scab". "That is all". Is that all? That is a question not only for the jury at Marion but for responsible unionism and for self-respecting citizenship. Is it justifiable homicide to torture and slaughter men because they are on the other side of an industrial and economic controversy? Is unionism to be granted the right to pass beyond the laws of civilized society, even of civilized warfare, to punish anyone who interferes with its purpose? Has a "scab" rights? Or may any union man kill one at will? The men butchered at Herrin surrendered on promise of safey. The promise was broken and they were murdered. They weue nonunion men. They were strikebreakers. They were "scabs", and they were murdered. Is that all?—Chicago Tribune.

Mrs. Li, wife of the President of China, demands an allowance of $50,000 a year for the purchase of perfumes.

LOCAL AND PERSONALS FROM NEW MADRID

Atty. James A. Finch attended Court in Benton last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Lane of Lilbour were shopping in New Madrid last Friday.

Moore Griffin of Farmington is the guest of his aunt, Mrs. John E. Hart and family.

Mrs. Lucy Pharris of Cairo was a week-end visitor of relatives at Kewanee and New Madrid.

E. L. Griffin and E. L. Crumpecker of Morehouse were business visitors in New Madrid Friday.

O. T. McGee of Toronto, Can., was at the Court House last week looking after land interests.

Lee Willett and Ralph Berryman of Caruthersville visited relatives in New Madrid Christmas Day.

J. N. Friant and son Julian, of Cape Girardeau were transacting business in our city last week.

C. V. Hansen and son, C. V., Jr, were warmly greeted by their many friends in New Madrid Tuesday.

Joe Shaw, a student of Hendrix College, Conway, Ark., is the guest of his brother, Supt. A. M. Shaw, Jr.

C. R. Jackson, Sam Pendergrass and A. J. Riker of East Prairie were business visitors in New Madrid Friday.

Miss Genevieve Bazan, County Health Nurse, left Saturday to spend the holidays with her parents at Moberly, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Bassmussen of Chicago are guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Royer of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Christy Broughton and little son, C. M. Jr., of Cairo are guess of relatives in New Madrid and Marston.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S Korn and Miss Ada Latham left Wednesday to visit Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Alexander at Pine Bluff, Ark.

Mrs. A. P. Callahn and little daugher, of Legonier, La., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Pikey of the Portageville neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Nunn and little son Bobby of Cape Girardeau are holiday guests of Mrs. Nunn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Loud.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed A. Wright and daughter, Miss "Tod", of Portageville attended services at the Presbyterian church and visited friends.

Miss Letitia Lewis and niece, Miss Hattie Lewis and Mrs. Mary Ann Johnson are spending the winter at Caruthersville with Mrs. A. C. La Forge.

Mrs. Lee Pierce and two sons of Hulbert, Ark., arrived Saturday of last week to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Knott.

Miss Esther Knott, who is teaching in the Public School at Gideon, arrived the latter part of last week on a visit to her parents, Mr and Mrs. George Knott.

Jesse Kimball is spending the holidays with his daughter, Mrs. James Wood and family of Morrillton, Ark., and son, R D. Kimball and family of Hot Springs Ark.

The White Christmas Pageant at the Methodist Church, under the direction of Mrs. John E. Riley, was very beautifully rendered Christmas Eve, the church being appropriately decorated for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hummel and Mrs. Floyd Hummel has as their Christmas guests, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Vernon and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hummel and little daughter, Frances Ellen of Charleston; Mrs. Mattie Waters and daughter, Miss Ora V., of Cape Girardeau, Joe Hunter Allen of St. Joseph and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hummel of this city.

The two story residence of Lee Crisler, known as the W. L. Stacy home on Mitchell Ave, was completely destroyed by fire Christmas Day about 6 p. m. The blaze, supposed to have been caused by a defective flue, originated in the loft, and was under great headway, when discovered by Mr. Crisler, who was at the home of a nearby neighbor. A great deal of clothing and furniture on the first floor was saved. An insurance of $3,000 was carried on the furniture and building. Mr. Crisler has rented the home of Mrs. Cordelia Richards.

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LEFT WIFE NO 2. TO SPEND HOLIDAYS WITH NO. 1

West Plains, Mo., Dec. 26.—Will J. Ward, a commercial traveler, of West Plains, is being held on a charge of bigamy, infomation having been filed here by S. P. Bradley, an instructor in the School of Mines at Rolla, Mo., who says that Ward, who has a wife and four children in West Plains, married his daughter, Mrs. C. E. Munson, two months ago in Kentucky. They have been residing in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Ward came to West Plains Saturday to spend the holidays with wife No. 1 and their children, it is alleged. Wife No. 2 became suspicious when Ward sent her to her father's home in Rolla while he came to West Plains. Her father came here Sunday night to investigate and Ward's arrest followed.

Turkey's New Capital

Angora, a dingy and dilapidate Anatolian city of about 20,000 inhabitants, is to remain the capital of Nationalist Turkey. Constantinople, with nearly a million and a half, a city of glorious traditions and of many present splendors, must be content with a position of secondary importance. It will remain the spiritual capital of Islam, the residence of a khalif shorn of all temporal authority. But the Government of Turkey will be permanently established in the dirty little city of the remote hinterland. There are several reasons for the change. In the first place Angora is altogeth Terurkish, while Constantinople, the great city on the straits, must always remain cosmopolitan and polyglot. An even stronger consideration is the vulnerability of Constantinople to military and naval attack. At Angora the Government will be far beyond the range of the biggest naval guns, while without an army of impressive strength no nation will ever again venture a campaign in Anatolia. With the nationalists fully recognized as rulers of Turkey and with the Government definitely set up at Angora there will be no clamor at European capitals or at Washington for diplomatic appointments to Turkey.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Constitutional Amendments

"We are a nation of gum chewers", says Secretary Weeks; "in a year we spend three times as much for chewing gum and candy as we spend for military reparation". Mr. Weeks is correcct in this indictment; the statistics bear him out. But he shirked his duty as a citizen and a statesman by failing to propose a remedy for the appalling condition of affairs to which he calls attention. If, after all that has been said concerning the indelicacy of chewing gum in public and the havoc wrought to the teeth of the younger generation by indulgence in sweets, we persist as a nation in wasting our substance on these deleterious luxuries, there is but one way, as Mr. Weeks is well aware, to effect a reform. There must be an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the manufacture and sale of candy or chewing gum, rigidly enforced throughout the United States and on all vessels touching our shores. —New York World.

Ellen Terry, the English actress, has a hobby of collection eyeglasses worn by celebrities.

In Soviet Russia women work alongside the men in the railway repair gangs and are paid the same wages as the men workers.

Japanese water bags of rice paper are more durable than similar ones of rubber. Resin is used between the layrs of paper which is soft and flexible. The outside is covered with lacquer.

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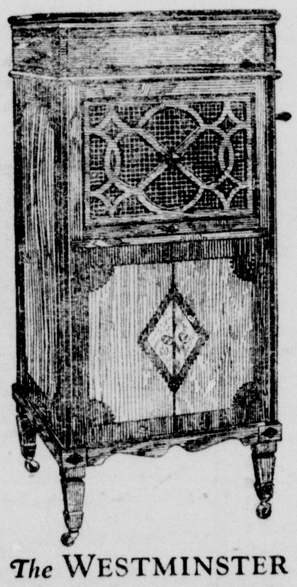

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GREETINGS

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NEWS LETTER FROM CHAFFEE

Mrs. Bert Barnes motored to Cape Girardeau Friday afternoon.

Dressed turkeys have declined from 45 cents a pound to 25 cents.

Dr. H. L. Cordrey has purchased a Ford coupe for Mrs. Cordrey.

E. C. Heard, wife and infant son spent Xmas in Oran with relatives.

The weather is moderating and Sunday preceding Xmas was an ideal spring day.

Many farmers killed hogs the past week, while favorable weather conditions prevailed.

Taxes, both real and personal are due the 31st and delinquent fines will be assessed thereafter.

Dr and Mrs. G. A. Sample and family left Sunday to spend Xmas with relatives at Bloomfield.

The highways are in remarkable condition for mid-winter. This is probably due to the dry autumn and winter to date.

Eggiman Mercantile Company have a different Ford truck, with pneumatic tires, supplanting the one with solid rear tires.

Frank C. Bertrand, who is a member of the American Legion, has an agency contract to represent the Franklin Insurance Company, an old line life insurance company.

Bert Cheatham arrived at Chaffee Saturday and will spend the holidays with his parents. He is a student at Washington U in St. Louis. He is an able baseball player and has featured on the Chaffee team the past two seasons.

The Parochial School had Xmas exercises Friday morning, together with a nice Xmas tree. Clarence Heard was selected to be Santa Claus, and although he had not been such a benefactor, he filled the office without inconvenience to himself.

A very enjoyable Xmas tree was given at the Methodist Church Saturday night and Dr. W. A. Walling imparted cheere to the children in the role of Santa Claus. The evening was profitably spent by everyone and the exercises lasted until 9:15 p. m.

Miss Irene Marti is England's first woman surveyor, she having just passed the final examination of the College of Estate Management.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS FROM MATTHEWS

Xmas was pleasantly spent in this vicinity.

Mrs. John Rice spent Xmas with her parents.

W. H. Grissom of East Prarie visited his sister, Mrs. J. W. Emory, Friday.

Mrs. Mary Steele spent Xmas with her daughter, Mrs. Caleb Matthews at Oran.

Carl Hulty is spending the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Hulty.

W. A. Singleton came down from Chaffee Saturday and spent the day with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Lumit spent Sunday in Portageville the guests of the former's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Steele and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Swartz motored to Cairo, Thursday.

Prof. Charles Granger left Saturday for his home in Jackson to spend the holidays with his parents.

Mrs. J. W. Emory attended the District Assembly of the Rebekahs at Sikeston Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Florence Woodard visited her father and brother, J. A. Alsop and Royal Alsop, Saturday and Sunday.

Tom and Charley Burch of Chicago arrived Saturday to spend the Xmas holidays with their mother, Mrs. Tenny Burch.

Mr. and Mrs. Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Waters and children, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Critchlow were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Critchlow Sunday.

The Xmas sales here in Matthews was immense. J. W. Emory said Saturday night that on registering up he had sold $5000 worth of Xmas goods and the other stores have been busy. Then talk about hard times. When you ask someone to subscribe for a good paper that gives htem all the news of both counties, they tell you they think it is a fine paper, but "ain't" just able to pay $1.50 a year for it.

Mrs. Joe Brasher and her sister, Mrs. Clayton Hinkle, were here last Saturday visiting and shopping. Mrs. Hinkle, whose home is at Sikeston, is visiting in her sister's home.—Caruthersville Democrat.

STRANGE MONSTER OF SEA CAST UP ON CHILEAN BEACH

Lima, Peru, Dec. 21.—The tidal waves which recently devastated parts of the coast of Chile cast upon the beach at the same time a strange creature of the dep whose like has not been seen in these waters in many years. It would appear to be a cross between a whale and a turtle.

Fishermen at Lurin, 25 miles from Lima, reported a huge cetacean floundering in the shallow waters of the bay. Then they sent out word it was an unknown monster of the sea, and that they had killed it.

The director of the Natural History Museum of the University of San Marcos and the official taxidermist went to Lurin to classify the strange visitor. They found an animal with the body of a whale, but with a head and extremities resembling those of a turtle. They decided it belonged to the family of "Balaendidae" cetaceans, inhabiting South Pacific waters. It is supposed that it was carried along by the Humboldt current and thrown up on the beach by the tremendous surfs following the tidal waves.

Charges Against Cashier And Head of Insolvent Bank

Poplar Bluff, Mo., December 27.—Thomas W. Doherty, president of the Farmers' Savings Bank here ,and L. W. Chapman, cashier, are charged with accepting deposits in an incolvent institution, in six prosecutions instituted in Justice of the Peace Courts today by Prosecuting Attorney Kinder. The bank was closed by State Bank Examiners December 16.

Roy Nieman, State Bank Examiner in charge of the institution, gave out a statement saying that discrepancies have been discovered in the cash accounts and real estate accounts of the bank.

Representatives of bonding companies which furnished bond for Doherty and Chapman are here. The prosecutions instituted today charge that deposits aggregating $1353 made by six persons the day before the bank was closed, were illegally accepted by the officers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Dover of St. Louis are spending the week with the parents of Jerome, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dover.

FORD EXPANSION PLAN BEGINS WITH $6,000,000 PLANT

Detroit, Dec. 22.—Henry Ford's decision to construct a $6,000,000 plant near Chicago for the building of automobile bodies and assembling of automobiles is only a step in a gigantice program on the part of the Ford Motor Co. "that will rank as one of the greatest industrial developments the world ever has seen", it was stated at the Ford company offices here today by persons in authority.

"As long as Mr. Ford lives", it was said, "this expansion program is to go on. The fundamental idea back of the whole scheme is to create more jobs. As long as there is a possibility of putting more men at work the Ford policy will be to build more plants".

It was pointed out that other development projects had been undertaken recently by the Ford company, including the start of a great industrial plant at New Orleans, a contemplated unit at St. Louis and water power development at St. Paul.

Ford has no idea of withdrawing from Detroit, it was made clear. His interests in this city are to be the hub of a great wheel of industry that he hopes eventually will cover many cities in the country.

In this connection it was recalled that a statement was made at the Ford offices some time ago to the effect that a corps of engineers in the employ of the Ford concern was on the lookout constantly for sites that might be adapted to the company's needs.

Asked how far the Ford development program might go, persons in authority at the company offices replied:

"Mr. Ford himself does not know. He does feel, however, that as fast as he makes money he is morally bound to put that money back into business to provide more families with incomes and to enhance the prosperity of the entire country. The Ford development will go on just as long as business conditions make it possible".

The Chicago project, as announced last night, includes the erection on a 70-acre tract at Hegewisch, near Chciago, of a four-unit plan, each unit of which will cost $1,500,000. Sixteen thousand men will be employed at the start. The first unit is to be in operation by next May, according to Chicago advices, confirmed today at the Ford offices here.

Protests Against Arbuckle's Reinstatement Multiplying

Los Angeles, Cal., December 22.—Protests over the prospective reappearance in motion pictures of Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle multiplied here today, as they did throughout the country. Clergymen demonstrated their opposition in several ways and the comedian's friends rallied to his defense. Joseph M. Shenck, producer, who said he would re-employ Arbuckle, declared "it is not Christian-like in these ministers to condemn Arbuckle before he has been heard".

The session of the West Lake Presbyterian Church, where Will H. Hays spoke Sunday night, sent a telegram to Hays, reading: Your statements from West Lake pulpit, relative to your intentions as motion picture director, impressed the session and membership with your sincerity and honesty of purpose. You made positive and unequivocal promises. Indeed, your own words were "That you had full authority and would have no alibi to offer". We, as a session, honored and respected you as a fellow elder. Your action in reinstating Arbuckle is in absolute variance with your promises from our pulpit. Will you not rescind the Arbuckle order? Your failure to do so will mean forfeiture of the respect and confidence of our people and, we, believe, the forfeiture of hte confidence and respect of all God-fearing, decent men and women. We pray God that you may carefully reconsider the Arbuckle order".

Mrs. Joe Stubbs entertained the Bridge Club and several other friends on Saturday evening.

On last Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Joe Matthews entertained with a six o'clock dinner complimentary to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Chaney of Boulder, Colo.

In Denmark it is a custom for engaged girls to wear a plain gold ring on the third finger of the left hand, and when they get married the ring is moved ot the third finger of the right hand.

Christmas Day was a very happy day for the Carter family on Prosperity street as the following children with their family were at home: W. G. Carter of Viana, Ill.; L. D. Randol and family, Guy Carter and family, Frank Carter and family, all of Sikeston; Mr. and Mrs. Rex Cook and family of Carbondale, Ill.

We take this opportunity of expressing to you our deep appreciation of the cordial relationship which has existed between us in the past. May it continue indefinitely. Accept our greetings and warmest regards.

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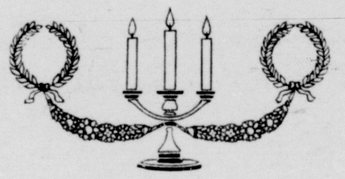

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"The Crimson Challenge"

A picture story of surpassing dramatic interest which will appeal to all picture fans who saw "The Flame of Yukon" several years ago, is Dorothy Dalton's latest Paramount starring vehicle, "The Crimson Challenge", whcih will be the feature at the Malone Theatre Saturday.

In Lost Valley, which is dominated by Buck Courtrey, a cattle rustler and an all round scoundrel, Tharon Last, daughter of a rancher, is the beloved of all. Buck covets her and one day, in a quarrel, slays her father. Tharon swears vengeance and developing into a "two-gun" woman, she finally gets Buck and while she slays him, she is in no sense a murderess. In the development of this dramatic story, a love interest in which Tharon and Billy, a cowpuncher, are the central characters, is finely brought into play.

The picture is filled with thrills and they are of that gripping quality which holds the spectator in suspense from start to finish. Frank Campeau, one of the best known heavies of the screen, has the role of Buck and he vests it with great force and realism. Jack Mower has the role of Billy, and as leading man, he does excellent work. The cast includes Will R. Walling, Clarence Burton, George Field, Irene Hunt and Fred Huntly. In addition, there is Mrs. Dark Cloud, an Indian character actress well known to screen fans. Paul Powell directed. The picture is based on Vingie E. Roe's successful novel, "Tharon of Lost Valley".

Among the many Sikestonians who attended the dance at the Country Club at Cape Girardeau on Thursday evening were: Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Matthews, Jr., Miss Virginia and Buddie Matthews, Mr. and Mrs Ned Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Matthews, Mr. and. Mrs Ben Chaney of Boulder, Colo. and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sikes.

Road Building on a Big Scale

In the fiscal year 1922 there were completed in the United States 10,000 miles of highways built with federal aid, and more than that mileage in the construction of which the government gave no assistance. These figures, prepared by the Bureau of Public Roads of the United States Department of Agriculture, together with the program for future construction, give ground for the hope that in a few years the United States will have an adequate system of modern highways.

The work completed between July, 1921, and June, 1922, inclusive was sufficient in mileage to provide a highway twice around the borders of the country, with something to spare. The total length of the highways built in that period nearly equals the circumference of the earth at the equator.

Most of the roads built in the fiscal year were finished before the new federal aid act became effective, on November 9, 1921. Few projects were in preparation by the states as the old ones approached completion. The act, however, gave a great impetus to plans for state construction, and by June, 1922, projects embracing nearly 40,000 miles were called for. There are at present under construction 14,500 miles of highways that are estimated as 56 per cent complete.

Nothing is closer to the foundations of a civilized state than are roads. Find a backward section of the world, one where education and the standards of living are on a low level, bad roads worthy of the name will mark it.—New York Herald.

Woolard Baker returned to Memphis Wednesday, accompanied by his grandmother, Mrs. H. W. Baker, Sr. Mrs. Baker expects to be gone two months.

Miss Virgina Matthews was the guest of Mrs. Paul Handy Moore at Charleston Wednesday and attended the dance at Cairo Wednesday evening.

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Three football men at Chillicothe Business College were awarded places on the All-State Team by Kansas City sport writers and the team as a whole was frequently given favorable mention in the metropolitan papers.

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GREATES PHOTOPLAYS IN HISTORY PROMISED DURING PERIOD FEBURARY 1 TO AUGUST 1

What is said to be the greatest convention of its kind ever held by any one particular branch of American industry has just been completed in Los Angeles, Cal., when the entire personnel connected with the Productoin and Distribution departments of the Famous Players Lask Corporation were called together from all parts of the country in the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, Cal,, last week.

Mayor Cryer of Los Angeles welcomed the Paramount delegation to the city, which arrived on a special train from New York, and which picked up executives of the Paramount company en route.

Demonstrations were held in various cities through which the special train passed, and a most rousing reception was accorded the delegates in Kansas City, in which Mayor Cromwell officiated and officially welcomed the executives of Paramount to hold their next convention in Kansas City.

Adolph Zukor, who is President of the Famous Lasky Corporation presided at the convention in connection with Jesse L. Lasky, Vice President and who is also in charge of Production, also Sidney R. Kent, who is General Manager of Distribution.

Six months ago Paramount pledged to exhibitors and the public alike, that they would produce and release 41 motion pictures, the quality of which would be epoch marking in the history of the screen. Since the release of the first of this series of 41 Paramount Productions, it is the consensus of opinion of motion picture critics, exhibitors and the public, that Paramount fulfilled this promise.

During the last half of the fiscal year, period between February 1 and August 1, Mr. Zukor and Mr. Lasky have pledged that the Paramount screen deliverances will exceed in quality the 41 pictures released during the first 6 months.

Included in the next group of releases as was announced at the Convention are such pictures as "The Covered Wagon", Cecil B. De Millie's massive production, "Adam's Rib", "Bella Donna" featuring Pola Negri, and thirty-six others of equivalent attractions.

The theme of the pronounced convention was the discussion of the quality of pictures which was meeting with the public's approval to the greatest extent. The Department of Distribution, who constantly come in contact with the motion picure exhibiors, who in turn voice the sentiments of the public, generally have a greater conception as to what is needed in screen entertainment than do the directors of pictures, or the writers of the stories from which Paramount pictures are made, consequently the views of these men, and the information they imparted to the Production Department of Paramount will reflect throughout the on coming season's releases, and it is the belief of Paramount executives that it will tend to strengthen to increase interest in every Paramount Production henceforth..

The industry is peopled with clever, talented artists, and the demands made upon them are appalling. The making of a film is as arduous a task as the producing of a successful stage play, and not five out of 60 of the latter will satisfy the theatre going public In pictures, the audiences demand that every picture be good, making it encumbent upon the director, the star, or stars to put their very best efforts into each production, and make it of highest possible standard so as to insure its being well received by the publlic.

The writers who works are translated into screen entertainment are frequently seen out on location with the company while the picture is being filmed, thereby instilling into the picture vision of the author, the settings, and materially assisting in the continuity of the production.

It has always been the ambition of Adolph Zukor, President of the Famous Players Lasky Corporation and his assistants, to produce the quantity and the quality of Paramount Pictures which would gain for the Paramount trademark an unrivaled position of leadership surrounding the advancements in screen entertainment, and today, the accomplishments of the Paramount company ore looked forward to by the entire motion picture industry, as setting the precedent the world over in motion picture entertainment.

Past releases scheduled by Paramount have been approximately two pictures per week, surrounded by an intensified national advrtising campaign, and exhibitors are confident that when a Paramount Picture is to be exhibited at their theatre its success is inevitable.

The pictures will be shown at the Malone Theatre as soon after their release as is possible, Manager McCutchn tells The Standard.

Cost of Producing Pork

The average cost of producing 100 pounds of marketable pork in sections of Iowa and Illinois in 1921, was $6.08, according to a cost of production study made by the United States Department of Agriculture on 3,574 spring pigs producing 885,140 pounds of marketable pork.

This pork was produced when corn was relatively cheap last year. The survey shows that 65 per cent of the hogs returned between 25 cents and 75 cents per bushel of corn fed. Costs ranged from $3.76 in one drove, to $10.80, in the drove showing the highest cost, 85 per cent of the pork showing a cost of $7 or less per 100 pounds. An average profit of $1.28 per 100 pounds of marketable pork is shown, or an average profit of $3.05 for each pig weaned.

The size of the litters, the relative economies made in the use of feed and labor, and the quantity of pork produced per sow were the three principal cost factors. The entire herd was used as a basis for cost finding, all the expenses on the sow being divided among the pigs in her litter. The principal causes of high costs were the small litters weaned, heavy feed and labor expense, and slightly lower gain per head. Tankage formed an important part of the rations of the economical pork.

The average cost of the total quantity of pork produced or 882,758 pounds, which included 27,612 pounds lost later through deaths was $.88, with a range of $3.76 on the farm making the cheapest pork, to $10.48 on the farm showing highest costs. Thirty-nine of the 51 farms upon which cost figures were kept showed costs between $4 and $7.

The farm averaging the smallest litters, or 2 pigs to the sow, made 473 pounds of pork per litter in 200 days. The farm making the highest record made 1759 pounds of pork per litter in 200 days from an average of 7.27 pigs weaned per sow. Two farms producing an average of 8 pigs per sow produced 1616 pounds and 1435 pounds per sow respectively.

The average cost of producing a weaned pig, 10 weeks of age, was $4.50. Figures were kept on 796 spring litters. The cost of producing a weaned pig varied from $2.73 in the breeding herd having the lowest cost per pig to $10.16 per weaned pig in the drove having the highest cost. These costs included all feed and other expenses upon the mothers from the tim of sorting the sows in the Fall to be bred to the date of weaning; also the feed and other costs on the boar while on the farm.

While no attempt was made to find the cost of pigs at farrowing time, the report shows he influence that the selection of sows and condition of he farrowing pen have upon he size of litters and the number of pigs brought through alive, the department states.—U. S. Dept. Agricultural.

COMMERCE HEARING ON S. E. MO. RATES

A hearing before the Inter-state Commerce Commission last week at St. Louis had under consideration rates on grain in Southeast Missouri. When the sharp advance came in railroad rates a few years ago, rates from Southeast Missouri points were overlooked. They have never been brought up in line with others, and the hearing was on a petition to have them placed on a parity. Interests in the territory affected objected, but their contention that an attempt is being made to discriminate against them is state to be not in accordance with the facts. —Cairo Citizen.

The holiday spirit prompts us to extend to our friends our best wishes and cordial greeting for a New Year of Prosperity.

Dempster Furniture and Undertaking Company

SEVEN MORE EXECUTED BY IRISH FREE STATE

Dublin, December 19.—Four rail way men and three laborers were executed here this morning for interference with trains in County Kildare.

The seven men executed wer captured November 13, by Free State troops in a house, the location of which was not announced. With them a quantity of stolen goods, rifles and ammunition was found.

The men were tried by a military committee and sentenced to death on the charge of train wrecking.

The sentence was carried out at 8:30 o'clock this morning.

The men executed are reported to have been members of the Republican army.

An unofficial report states that the men were captured in a dugout at Kilbride near the Kildare County line and that they were part of a column of ten operating in that district and responsible for the ambush of National troops the destruction of goods shipped by mail and the seizure of materials in shops.

The official army report of the executions gives the names of the men as Stephen White and Patrick Bagnel of Kildare, laborers; Joseph Johnston and Patrick Mangan of Kildare, railworkers; James O'Connor of Bansha, Tipperary, and Patrick Nolan of Rathbride, railway workers, and Brian Moore of Rathbride, laborer.

They were arrested with a number of others at Rathbride in County Kildare says the official report which adds that they were found guilty by a military committee of possessing, without property authority, ten rifles, 200 rounds of ammunition, four bombs with detonators and one exploder.

Honors the Hog

Iowa, situated in the heart of the great agricultural district of the United States, has been honored by the President in the selection of a Secretary of Agriculture more frequently than any other state.

Hon. James Wilson, when Secretary of Agriculture, filled the office of such secretary a longer time than any of his predecessors or successors, thus, as a practical farmer, and is familiar with the hog and all of his desirable qualities, and states his opinion of the value of the hog from an economical and profitable standpoint to the farmer, in the following testimonials:

"The hog grows cheapest on the pasture and beside the fields that grow his grain. He is most profitable as a subordinate department, because he cannot consume the coarse fodders of the farm. He furnishes the best market in which to sell the by-products of the mill and dairy. He assimilates more of the most concentrated foodstuffs than any other animal of the farm. Quicker returns come from him than from horses, cattle or sheep. He pays the rents in European countries, lifts the mortgages in the Northern States and in conjunction with the cow he will redeem the worn-out cotton and tobacco fields of the South. Avoid permanent residences for the hog; move him about, so that his environment may be clean and uncontaminated by germs that develop rapidly where they have suitable media. Avoid close breeding, as it intensifies predisposition to disease. Select your breeding from good milkers, as this is the best indication of fecundity.

"No agricultural people thrive who buy grain or meats and pay for them with the price of other farm products.

"We compete now, thru improved and cheapened transportation, with all the world. The farmer is most independent who finds at least sustenance for his family from his fields, flocks and herds".—American Swineherd.

Young people wishing business, telegraph, civil service, secretarial or banking courses should enter Chillicothe Business College the week of January 1st. The new classes start New Year's Day.

Prominent Democrats are in request as speakers at th Jackson Day dinners which have been scheduled in various cities for January 8. Chairman Cordell Hull of the Democratic National Committee is arranging to obtain speakers for these celebrations. At least one member of President Wilson's Cabinet is expected to deliver an address to a big gathering of Democrats on Jackson Day.

EPWORTH LEAGUE BANS MOVIES BY ARBUCKLE

Dallas, Texas, December 25.—Five Epworth Leagues, in joint meeting here last night, voted to boycott motion picture houses which show films featuring Roscoe Arbuckle. Their action followed an address by the Rev. C. C. Seleeman, local Methodist minister, in which he severely criticised Will Hays, head of the film industry, for granting the film comedian permission to resume his screen activities.

Fifty-three widows of soldiers who fought in the War of 1812 are still receiving pensions from the United States Government.

Sikeston Standard $1.50 per year.

I will extend a wish for a happy and prosperous New Year to one and all.

Pitman Tailor Shop

SIKESTON, MO.

Phone 127

Our New Year Greeting

To all our old friends who have been loyal, who have helped us and whom we have helped as best we knew, and to the newer friends whom we will cherish through the years until they become old friends, and to YOU whose friendship we want and will ever strive earnestly to deserve, we tender this

GREETING

Eagle Drug Store

C. C. WHITE, Proprietor

STOCK DIVIDENDS PILE UP TAXES

Stock dividends maounting to more than 750 million dollars were declared or announced by Standard Oil companies in 11 months last year. Atlantic Refining Company, a star performer of the group, declared a stock dividend of 900 per cent. It increased its capital from 5 to 50 million dollars. Standard Oil of Indiana, when it declared only a little 100 per cent dividend, however, made a much greater showing in putting surplus earnings out of reach of taxes on earnings. Standard Oil of Indiana had a surplus of about 178 million dollars and divided most of it by increasing its capital stock from 150 to 250 million dollars.

These stock dividends are in addition to substantial dividends that are being paid regularly by many companies. If the millions put into stock dividends were divided among stock holders as regular dividends they would come under the income tax. But they are not divided that way. The excuse is made that these huge surpluses are needed in carrying on the business.

The big tobacco companies which have been enjoying wonderful prosperity, are said to be the next industry that will issue wholesale stock dividends. Thus will their millions of surplus earnings avoid some of the burden of paying for the war and the Government.

Ohio Oil Company has declared a 300 per cent dividend, increasing its capital stock from 15 to 60 million dollars. Standard Oil of Kentucky declared two stock dividends in 1922. They totaled 100 per cent. Standard Oil of Kansas proposed a stock dividend the other day. White Eagle Oil Company announced one of 25 per cent, and the Magnolia Petroleum Co. one of 50 per cent that put 60 million dollars of earnings into stock instead of dividends that are taxable.

While business is showing the usual seasonal easing-up of this time of year all these companies discover they need many times more capital than they ever had before. No doubt expanding business does often need its earnings put back into the business, but it doesn't seem reasonable that there should be a constant need of doubling and redoubling capital or multiplying it by three, four, nine. It isn't necessary in banking or in farming or railroading.

But stock dividends are not taxable as are regular dividends and so daily we see more and more millions of surplus earnings evading taxation and going into stock dividends. Among a great number of stock dividends I note the general Baking Company is to divide a 5-million-dollar surplus that way—another case of actually performing that supposably impossible thing of eating your cake and having it. National Supply Company has a 13-million-dollar surplus and plans a 50 per cent stock dividend. Northwestern Yeast Company announces a 100 per cent dividend, 3 million dollars; Cleveland Union Stock Yards, 60 per cent stock dividend; Packard Motor Company, 100 per cent stock dividend; Humphreys Oil Company, 75 per cent. Small wonder the tax burden falls so hard on those who cannot declare stock dividends.—Arthur Capper.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Guthrie of Charleston spent Christmas day with Mrs. Guthrie's parents, Mr. nad Mrs. Adam Rouse.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Laws of Marston spent the holidays in Sikeston with the family of C. L. Essary on Moore Avenue.

More than 2100 of the 2850 agricultural counties in the United States employ at least one agricultural extension worker, who acts as a joint represenative of the United States Department of Agriculture and the state agricultural college.

A New Year Sentiment!

To our old friends, loyal and true; to our valued new friends; and to those whose friendship we strive to deserve; we heartily wish unmeasured happiness and good fortune throughout the coming years.

With grateful appreciation for all the favors received by us from you, and for that priceless though intangible asset, your good-will, which we prize beyond measure, we seek to merit your continued confidence, and aim to serve you helpfully in the future.

Stubbs Clothing Company

MELLON SAID TO OWE U. S. $231,666 DUE ON INCOME

Pitsburgh, Pa., December 21.—Statements of claim, naming Andrew W Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury and seventeen other prominent residents of Pittsburgh, were filed in United States District Court late today by Special Assistant United States Attorney Warren H. Van Kirk, seeking to recover $488,953. The government charges the sum is due as income tax on a stock dividend which the Gulf Oil Corporation declared in 193.

Praecipes were filed in these cases in 1919.

Collection of $231,666 from A. W. Mellon and $226,684 from R B. Mellon, local banker, is sought. The other claims are comparatively small. One of the largest is against William Flinn, for $5140. A. W. Mellon was vice president of the corporation.

Reese Marshall from Cape Girardeau was in Sikeston Tuesday on a business trip.

Germany's wheat yield in 1922 was at the rate of 18.5 bushels an acre. In 1921 the yield was 32.4 bushels to the acre. Drouth caused the decrease. The 1922 rye yield is 60 per cent of 1921.

GERMAN "WAR GUILT" CASES ARE DROPPED

Berlin, December 22.—The supreme court of Leipsig, in a secret session today, dismissed 93 "war guilt" cases tried in accordance with the Versailles Treaty.

Gen. von Mackenson, von Linsingen, von Below and von Diekut and Prof. Goetz were among those whose cases were dropped. Many witnesses were heard but proceedings were private and allied representatives were not present. The court declared the defendants were proven neither guilty nor innocent of crimes aganist German law.

Seven hundred and seventy-one cases are pending. Germans on trial include former Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria accused of deportation from northern France during the war; Gen. von Manteusfel, held responsible for the Louvain outrages; the Duke of Wurtemberg, who ordered troops massacred at Namur and other famous officers.

The Allies drew up a long list of those considered guilty and then required the Germans themselvs to try them.

Carson Wilkey is home for the holidays from Cambridge, Mass., to visit friends and relatives.

Miss Margaret N. Robins, of Philadelphia, who has been doing Red Cross work among the poor of "Turkey Town", the Moslem quarter of Podgoritza, Montenegro, is called "Angel" by the population.

In the proper column will be found the announcement of John H. oGodin as a candidate for Superintendent of Schools of Scott County. Mr. Goodin is no stranger in this county having taught school 14 years in Scott County, one year at Vanduser, one year at Morley, four years at Benton and superintendent at Sikeston for eight years. That he is thoroughly fitted for the position goes without saying. He is a Central College man, a graduate of the Teachers' College at Cape Girardeau, a student of the University of Missouri and holds a life state certificate. He has taught the one-room school, been principal of village schools, and has been superintendent where 35 teachers were employed.

CATHOLICS WILL BE ASKED TO FIGHT ARBUCKLE FILMS

Washington, December 21.—Catholics will be called upon to unite in an effort to keep films with "Fatty" Arbuckle, the motion picture comedian, as the star, from being shown, so Charles A. McMahon, director of the motion picture bureau of the National Catholic Welfare Council, announced tonight. McMahon, who is also a member of the Executive Committee on Public Relations, which Will Hays organized to co-operate with the motion picture industry, issued the following statement:

"The announcement of Arbuckle's reinstatement by Mr. Hays comes as a decided shock to those who had been led to believe that there was no longer any room in the motion picture industry for persons of the Arbuckle type. I feel that Mr. Hays has misjudged the temper of the American public if he thinks they will agree with his action in the Arbuckle case. Mr. Hays and his employers are guilty not only of an error in judgment, but are likewise guilty of failing to keep faith with the American pepole in making good on their purpose, as frequently repeated by Mr. Hays, namely, "to elevate the moral and artistic standard of the screen".

Woolard Baker was up from Memphis for the holidays and to gladen the heart of his—grandmother.

More than one hundred couple attended the dance at the City Hall Monday night. Fifty couple were from Sikeston, the balance from neighboring towns. The Radio Orchestra of St. Louis furnished the music, which was pronounced very good. Visitors complimented the dance very highly.

Have you ever tried keeping a dust bath for the chickens in winter? We keep a box 3½ by 6 feet in a sunny corner of the poultry house well filled with dust. When we empty the wood ashes, they are always put in the box. Coal ashes are all right if the cinders are sifted out. It is really surprising to note how much the fowls enjoy it. Now I do not mean to imply that the dust bath will kill all lice and mites, but it will certainly help to exterminate them and if the houses and roosts are disinfected you will be surprised to find the pests will give very little trouble.

DISTRICT MEETING OF REBEKAHS

The Rebekahs held a District Meeting at I. O. O. F. Hall in Sikeston Wednesday, December 20th. Lodges in the District are: Cape Girardeau, Fornfelt, Chaffee, Oran, Morley, Blodgett, Charleston, Anniston, East Prairie, Portageville, Lilbourn, Morehouse, Essex and Sikeston. Majority of these were represented.

Mrs. Sue Strycker, State President of the State Assembly, was present, holding a School of Instruction in the afternoon. At night Charleston Degree Staff exemplified the work which was very well done and enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Strycker gave an address, Mr. G. W. Sharp of Cape Girardeau and Mrs. Belle Morrison gave humerous readings, that were excellent.

A very elaborate dinner and supper were served to all present.

The officers elected for next year were:

President, Mrs. Lena Emory, Matthews.

Vice-President, Mrs. Annice Marshall, Blodgett.

Secretary, Mrs. Rose Parks, Charleston.

Treasurer, Mrs. Bettie Hagan, Charleston.

Next year the meeting will be held at Cape Girardeau.

S. M. Dailey, merchant of Vanduser, was in Sikeston Tuesday. He reports business as having been very satisfactory, and believes the business outlook to be much better for the future.

A slide in the Panama Canal occurred Friday morning. It is officially reported that it is not of a serious nature and that it will be cleared by December 30. Meanwhile, traffic through the waterway will not be hampered.

Despite tempting offers by Parisian musica hall managers to the girls of the ex-sultan's harem, Turkish authorities are arranging to return most of them to their native villages. Almost 300 former members of the imperial troupe of dancers and concubines of the household must be disposed of. Husbands will be found for those who have no desire to return home.

GOLD MOUNTED HARNESS A GIFT TO KING ALBERT

Brussels, Dec. 22.—A number of costly gifts, including a set of harness mounted in gold and enriched with precious stones, have been presented to King Albert by Ras Taffari, regent of Abyssinia. Among the gifts were also many shields and sabers, one of the shields formerly belonging to Emperor Menelik and used by him at the battle of Adowa.

Similar gifts were sent from Abyssinia to the late Emperor Nicholas, of Russia, when he recognized Abyssinan Independence.

O. E. Latham and family spent Christmas in Dexter with relatives and friends.

Misses Louella and Loretta Miller and brother, C. D., of Sikeston, returned home after a pleasant visit with friends in this city.—Charleston Index.

Fire starting in a restaurant in the business section of Juarez, just across the border from El Paso, Texas, Sunday, destroyed the American Consulate offices and wiped out more than a half block of business houses before it was brought under control. The loss is estimated at more than $150000.

BEGLEY'S RELATIVES VICTORS IN COURT

An echo of the manipulations of George H. Begley, Jr., "deposed rice king" of Southeast Missouri, who is serving a term in the state penitentiary for forgery, was sounded when the Supreme Court, in a decision this week, reversed and remanded a decision of the St. Louis circuit court in which Judge Falkenhaimer there held that Mrs. Effie M. Ruth, George Begley, Sr., and Mrs. Edith Ruth Begley, would have to pay a note for $70,000 they signed to secure young Begley from prosecution. Notice of action of the court was received here today.

The higher court held that the ruling of the lower court was void and sent the case back for a new trial.

The three defendants to the suit brought by the Mississippi Valley Trust Company to St. Louis to secure payment of the note, charged that they were forced under duress to sign the notes "in order that Begley would not be prosecuted. They claim that they were given only an hour's time in which to act. They also claim that they were to sign in lieu of the signatures said to have been forged by Begley.

The note was given by Begley, it was charged in exchange for the money, with which he was to carry on his rice plantation plan. Relatives said that he squandered the money and they knew nothing of the affixing of the signatures.

At the time that the Mississippi Valley Trust Company instituted action against the defendants to secure payment of the notes, the latter also brought suit in the Poplar Bluff court to cancel the notes, alleging duress. They lost in the last suit, but the Supreme Court also remanded this for a new trial.

Trial of the suits is expected at the next term of court.

Begley is still in the state prison, where reports say he wishes to stay until his term is over. After his release he wants to start again.

His wife secured a divorce from him several months ago.—Southeast Missourian.

PROHIBITION OF SERVING LIQUOR ON SEAS ATTACKED

Washington, December 22.—A plea that American ships cannot justly be prevented from serving liquor on the high seas, under the prohibition laws, is set forth in a brief filed in the Supreme Court today by the International Mercantile Marine in support of is appeals from the interpretation given the Daugherty bone-dry ruling by Federal Judge Ward at New York.

The brief also declared it is not unlawful for vessels to bring their ship stores of liquor into American territorial waters. In this respect the position taken by the Mercantile Marine is similar to that set forth by the foreign shipping concerns in a brief filed recently with the Court.

W. C. Russell and wife spent Christmas week with the family of L. F. Stock on Big Lake, Mississippi county.

The turkey shoot held last Friday at the Fair Grounds by J. H. Barnett and Judson Boardman was a big success. Eleven turkeys, eight capons and four quarters of pork was disposed of.

Moberly, which is making a bid for the next Missouri Poultry Show, has been advised by the executives of the state association that the selection of the city for the 1923 meeting will not be decided upon until January 4, when the officers will gather in Kansas City to take up the matter. Maryville is one of the cities that has entered recently in a bid for the show. Moberly believes it has an excellent chance to land the event because of its central location and excellent railroad facilities.

A Happy New Year

1923

To Everybody

May the New Year Bring Peace Prosperity and Happiness

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CAPTURE OF HESSIANS AT BATTLE OF TRENTON

It was Christmas night. Christmas is a great feast day in Germany, and the Hessian soldires in Trenton had celebrated the event with true Teutonic thoroughness. Now they were sleeping off the effects and dreaming of the good wine and rum which they had drunk, and for which they had not paid a penny. Col. Rall and his staff had been invited to a little celebration by a neutral trader by the name of Hunt. What with cards and unlimited punch, the party lasted well into the night. Towards dawn, a messenger came galloping to the door and asked to see the Colonel. The man at the door would not let him enter. The messenger asked that a note be handed to the commander, saying that his errand was of the greatest importance. The servant took the piece of paper, but the Colonel, who had drunk more wine than was good for him, stuffed the note into his pocket and forgot all about it. He was to remember it much later, when it was too late to take action, and when the English had suffered their first serious defeat.

Nine miles toward the North, on the banks of the Delaware, a very different scene was being enacted. Gen. Washington with 2500 soldiers of the new American army were embarking in little boats, manned by sturdy Massachusetts fishermen. Soon they were making their perilous way across the river. The water was full of floating ice, and a heavy sleet storm beat in their faces. It was 3 o'clock of the morning when the last boatload had made the crossing. Then the troops began the long, dreary march to Trenton. Two other parties had attempted to cross the Delaware a little lower down. These, however, had found it impossible to make a landing on the Jersey side because of the ice which had been piled up there by the current.

Soon after dawn, Washington and his batallions reached Trenton. At once they attacked the outer line of pickets. A company of Hessians, hearing the noise, came out to see what all the shooting was about. These the Americans drove back with serious losses. Then they entered the city. Col. Rall, who was still at his party, heard the roll of the drums and the firing and remembered the piece of paper which he had carelessly shoved into his pocket No further need to read it. He now knew what it could have told him four hour earlier. He hurried to his men, but the Americans gave them no time to form. The British withdrew to an orchard on the east side of the town, whence ran a road which led to Princeton. But an American regiment had already cut off their retreat, and in the confused fight which followed, Rall was mortally wounded. A short while later, the Hessians surrendered. The fight had lasted only 35 minutes. The Americans had lost four or five men. In return they had captured more than a thousand Hessians, besides killing or wounding almost a hundred others.

The next night, the Americans returned across the Delaware with their prisoners, whom they proudly paraded through the streets of Philadelphia as a proof of their exploit.

The effect of this spectacular victory upon the morale of the American troops was enormous. Many men, whose term of enlistment was up, eagerly agreed to stay in the army a little longer. Others joined. General Howe, when he heard about it, was very much worried. He told Lord Cornwallis that he had better postpone his trip home for the present and rejoin his command. And it was many a year before Cornwallis re-enterd his ancestral halls.

Washington soon recrossed the Delaware and took up his position at Trenton. Hither came Lord Cornwallis, who had postponed his trip home indefinitely, and his army to attack him. Just before sunset on the 3rd of January Cornwallis reached Trenton. His first attack was repulsed, and he decided to wait for daylight. One of his officers told him that he had better not delay. Cornwallis, however, with his usual self-confidence, said that he could "get the fox in the morning."

The position of the American army was a very unpleasant one. In front of them was an enemy, strong enough to annihilate them utterly, and very desircus of doing so. Behind them was the river, full of floating ice, and well-nigh impassible. The weather was warm and the roads were soft and sticky, so that it was impossible to drag the cannon through the heavy mire.

A little after midnight it turned very cold and soon the roads were as hard as brick pavements. Washington now left a few pickets to keep his campfires burning, rounded up his men and 40 cannon, and stole quietly out of town. He marched directly to Princeton, where he found a small British force. This he quickly routed, taking more than 200 prisoners.

At sunrise the next morning, when Lord Cornwallis marched forth to capture Trenton, all he found was an empty camp and the dying embers of the American campfires. The pickets had kept them going until the very last minute. They, too, had stolen away to rejoin their comrades. Worse, however, was to follow. Toward noon, although it was midwinter, Cornwallis thought he heard thunder. It seemed to come from the direction of Princeton. When he realized that the thunder was caused by Washington's cannon, which the English had intended to capture that morning, along with the American General himself, he was more thoroughly disgusted. Washington had outwitted and outgeneraled the British army for the second time.

After this victory the Americans moved swiftly by forced marches to Morristown where they went into winter quarters. As the heights of Morristown threatened the British lines of supplies from New York into New Jersey, the English decided that they had best give up New Jersey, and their plan of capturing Philadelphia for the present and went into winter quarters in New York.

A wave of tremendous enthusiasm for Washington swept the country. He had, without fighting a single big battle, maneuvered the British out of New Jersey. As a result the enemy were where they had been at the beginning of the campaign. In Europe, too, people were beginning to sing the praises of the American rebel leader, and no less a strategian than Frederick the Great declared his achievements during that great month of January were the most brilliant which had ever been recorded in the pages of history.

Rev. C. D. McCaw, of Kevil, Ky., will conduct services at the Christian Church in Sikeston Sunday morning and evening, December 31. Everyone cordially invited.

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If the Golden Rule as to payment of debts was observed times would not be so hard in this community. Many debtors could pay a dollar or two on their accounts who do not pay a cent because they haven't the money to pay all they owe at one time. This makes it peculiarly hard on the small merchant who is compelled to pay the wholesaler or close his doors. The Standard would be glad for some of its debtors to try the Golden Rule for, just at this time, it would help us ease the pain at our paper house.

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The evidence being presented by the State at Herrin, Ill., against certain union labor individuals, show the crime to have been well organized and prepared for. Witnesses who were left for dead have come to life and testified against the defendants. It is the worst indictment against union labor that has ever been made before in the United States. It was organized murder pure and simple and hasn't a single phase to it whereby the ordinary citizen could condone the action of these union miners. If a number of the leaders are not hanged it will look like a miscarriage of justice.

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The editor wishes to publicly acknowledge the debt of gratitude he owes to his fellow laborers on The Standard. There is Hyacinth Sheppard, our lineotype operator, who has been with us since graduating from High School, who is a young woman of the highest character, a sweet disposition and a willingness to work. She is one cog in the machinery that would be hard to replace. Then there is O. E. Latham, one of the best mechanics to be found anywhere. It is to his efforts that The Standard stands so high throughout this section for the artistic work turned out. To Charles, Junior, we are indebted for the able manner he has handled the advertising and job soliciting end of the business. He is a Cheerful Charles who knows no grouches. To the "Missus" the entire works look for their checks that makes the wheels go round and the editor for the splendid meals she has furnished. She is a wonder to have lived with the editor nearly a hundred years and still be able to smile and look pleasant. May the New Year be a better one for all concerned with our shop.

Our Greeting

In the Spirit of Christmas

CHRISTMAS DAY brings us the consciousness that whatever our personal animosities may be, whatever the strife between nations — merely neighborhood quarrels greatly magnified — there is this sublime occasion devoted to peace and good will. Its spirit is the lamp which lights to higher life; its influence largely supports civilization and prevents a lapse into barbarity.

Christmas spirit means Christian spirit. In testing its effect, one has only to reflect upon the positions of races, the most advanced being those of Christendom. China, the oldest entity among peoples, has an admirable occasion upon which the citizens strive to liquidate all their debts. It is a national pay-up day, and in spirit somewhat resembles our Christmas. In Japan they have an annual event somewhat like our New Year's celebration, during which the people go about expressing good will and promoting good cheer. But Christmas has a more elevating effect than either, in that it not only typifies peace and good will, but carries the essence of unselfishness and pure love, the most common expression being the bestowal of gifts. When the Christmas influence gains to the point that its spirit shall permeate the affairs of every day in the year, the millennium will have arrived.

We have this day, and if we mar not its ideal its leaven will produce other days of the kind. In the making of a newspaper we have an opportunity to view the many forces operating upon the character of humanity. We see the good and bad, the sincere and insincere, the selfish and unselfish. We believe the leaven of good is more active than that of the opposed forces. If we have been able to assist the right, much has been due to your co-operation and we earnestly solicit a continuation of the same. Our Christmas greeting to you is one of optimism, good cheer and hearty good wishes.

THE PUBLISHERS.

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Rumors of Depot Removal

Co-incident with the appropriation of the Cotton Belt of millions for improvement, the rumor gained currency early in the week that blue prints for a new depot to be erected in Lilbourn in the south part of town were being considered. Another to the effect that Nw Madrid business men had guaranteed a free right of way to the Cotton Belt providing the railroad would detour all its trains from Lilbourn through New Madrid and on from there to La Forge and discontinue or take up the bee line tracks now laid and used from Lilbourn to La Forge on the way to Birds Point.

If this plan which has been talked of considerably and the frequent presence of numbers of engineers here recently leads one to think that serious thought is being given to it. It would mean that thru trains would henceforth be run through here instead of Illmo and Fornfelt and Lilbourn would then naturally become a more prominent place on account of being at the intersection of two main line roads.—Lilbourn Herald.

We see where Will Hayes, the bull goose of Movieland at Los Angeles, has forgiven Fatty Arbuckle for his past and will give him another chance as a comedy artist on the screen. It now remains to be seen whether the public will forget and forgive the past performances of this brute and the part he took in the drunken orgies in his flat at Los Angeles when Virginia Rappe, an actress, died a most horrible death at the hands of this brute. Take it from me, if he is advertised for Sikeston then will The Standard be found advising all decent people to stay away from the performances. Those missing will not be forgotten.

Farm Price and Europe

When farmers are compelled to accept ruinous prices for their products, the most liberal of credits from banks or Government loan agencies are only palliatives. This does not militate against the best farm credit system that can be devised, yet it does lay a finger tip on the present difficulty of the farmre. All the credit in the world will not save him if he produces at losing prices. What can be done to give him a market that has a profit in it?

Farm products the home market absorbs and for which it fixes the price are doing fairly well. Corn is a good price. Eggs are positively high. The farmer's trouble is that on products of first class importance, such as wheat and meats, the export market for which determines the price of the whole, his foreign market has gone to pieces.

If it is possible for this Nation to help the recovery of Europe it will in like measure help the recovery of the American farmer. This is a job for Washington's statesmanship, and no easy one. It is idle to look for anything more than temporary and spasmodic prosperity to American farmers while Europe is flat on its back.—Capper's Farmer.

The Whirlagig of Time works wonders in the course of a year. Many families have been visited by Father Time who has taken his toll of some member who will be sadly missed at this time. Those of us who have been blessed with good health should be duly thankful for same and mingle our tears of sympathy with those of our friends who are ill and grieved. Those missing will not be forgotten.

Poland Chinas in 1870

At the National Swine Breeders Association, held in Chicago in 1885, L. N. Bonham, of Oxford, Ohio was present. He presented a paper to the meeting on the evolution of the Poland China. We find in it that one man in Butler County, Ohio, in 1870, by the packers' books, showed that they packed in 1870 a lot of 38 Poland China hogs that averaged 613 lbs., gross at 21 months old, all raised and fattened by this one man. From the same packers' books it was shown that another lot of 80 averaged 574 lbs.; a lot of 38 averaged 570 lbs.; a lot of 40 averaged 713 lbs.; a lot of 12 averaged 773 lbs. It further states: "To show that this breed had in 1870 attained unsurpassed excellence in their readiness to fatten at any age, and their rapid growth, we quote the weights of two lots of pigs fattened when 11 months old. One lot of 30 averaged gross 384 lbs.; another lot of 10 averaged gross 410 lbs". This shows that they had some pretty big hogs in the Poland Chinas nearly fifty years ago and at that time the Poland China was the popular feeders' hog and the big foundation stone in that day of christening Cincinnati, Porkopolis.

The Standard would be glad to see more dairy cows, more hogs and more poultry on the farms in the Sikeston District. Each of these branches of agriculture is cash every day of the week and cash is what is needed by the farmers at this time.

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Mrs. Oliver Atkey, Great Britain's leading woman aviator, recently created a new long-distance record for women fliers carrying a passenger.

MOREHOUSE WINS SIKESTON WINS

The local basketball team won and lost to Morehouse at the Mecca Hall in Sikeston Thursday evening. It was an even break between the girl's team during the regularly allotted time, and the score was 16-16. In order to decide the game an extra five minutes play was allowed and in the five minutes the Morehouse girls made made two points and defeating Sikeston by a score of 18 to 16.

When the game between the boys was called Sikeston soon took the lead and held it easily until time was called, taking the game by a score of 44 to 11.

Quite a delegation from Morehouse was present to witness the games and when a return game is played at Morehouse the entire High School and faculty expect to attend.

Morehouse has a regulation court in their gymnasium, thanks to J. W. Sarff and other members of their school board, and the Morehouse teams with the practice will be dangerous in the future.

Liquor running by airplanes from Montreal to Long Island points has become so profitable that many aviators, including one of the foremost fliers in America, have entered the bootlegging game, according to Frank J. Hale and James L. Kerrigan, federal dry agents investigating liquor law violations in New York and New Jersey coastal counties.

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A mighty good way to create a better feeling between communities is to visit. Dihelstadt, Blodgett and Morehouse have splendid auditoriums connected with their High Schools and Sikeston High School pupils should make it a point to visit and attend such entertainments as are given in these auditoriums. Sikeston has no auditorium and no place to entertain visiting schools, except in a rented hall, but to swap visits creates a good feeling between schools and pupils that are lasting.

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Those of us who enjoy good health are not competent to sympathize with our fellow-beings who are fighting for health at home and in other climes. There is Mrs. Archie Barnett and Mrs. John Lay at Denver, Colo., Miss Eleanor McRae, Colorado Springs, Colo., and Mrs. Carrie Roper in the Sanitarium of Mount Vernon, Mo., all splendid Christian characters, who are seeking health. To these ladies The Standard joins their acquaintances in wishing them health and happiness for the New Year and may the Lord temper the winds that will be healing balm to their ailments.

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The Standard is informed that there is an undercurrent of dissatisfaction between certain sections of Southeast Missouri toward the newcomers from the South who have rented land to plant cotton and who will bring their cotton hands with them. This is all wrong. These new men coming in have the money to pay their way and the families they bring will spend with our merchants every cent they make. To our way of thinking it is criminal to discourage this new enterprise and those who seek to intimidate the new-comer will fare badly as the better element will be with the latter. Besides the new-comer has a legal and moral right to protect himself and his property with a shot gun or a knife and will do so. The time is past when the loafer and night rider can say who shall and who shall not work.

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Being a member of the National Guard in times of peace and subject to be called out at any time to guard railroads, mines, and other corporate interests, does not appeal to The Standard. Recently our company was called to guard railroad property at Poplar Bluff, New Franklin and Chaffee. At Poplar Bluff Harry McGee was accidentally shot by one of his companions, and Carl Denman contracted a severe case of malaria from which he has suffered greatly for several months. Earnest Arterburn was severely hurt while in line of duty at New Franklin. Harry McGee will probably be a cripple for life and is now in a St. Louis hospital. These are not eligible for a pension from any source and will have to say their own hospital bills. All of this to protect the property of a bunch of wealthy magnates in the East who do not give a d. if everyone of these boys had been killed. It's safe to say that our boys will be leary to re-enlist when their time expires.

HOOVER NAMED AS HEAD OF SURVEY

London, December 21.—The request made by a German trade commission that a committee of American business men, headed by Herbert Hoover, visit Germany to undertake a thorough survey of economic conditions that would be used as the basis of a new reparations treaty, was seen here today as perhaps the starting point of the rumors as to American intervention in the reparations problem.

Great Britain, it is semiofficially learned, has informed the American State Department of its consent to such a plan.

The proposal was made by a German commission, headed by Chancellor Cuno, to the United States Chamber of Commerce, which in turn is understood to have asked Secretary Hoover to present the plan at a Cabinet meeting. This was done and the matter passed into the hands of Secretary Hughes.

The Germans propose that the American commission determine the extent of Germany's ability to pay and assert that they would agree to meet this amount if France and Great Britain approved the plan. To this end Secretary Hughes opened negotiations with the London and Paris Governments.

Three Scotchmen in church one Sunday morning when the minister made a strong appeal for some worthy cause, hoping that everyone in the congregation would give at least one dollar or more. The three Scots became very nervous as the collection plate neared them, when one of them fainted and the other two carried him out.

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The wise farmer will not sit idly by and wait for the "progressive bloc" or Mr. Harding's administration to relieve him of his troubles. It is still true that "God helps those who help themselves", and the farmer must go right on planning and planting and organizing co-operative groups for mutual benefit if he is to accomplish anything. Politicians will lend their assistance only so long as their personal interests can be served.—Ralls County Record.

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The thought of Santa Claus and the joy it brings to children is a beautiful one and should be held sacred. We are told some teachers in our grammar school have told the little ones concerning Santa Claus, that has caused them sorrow. The belief in the future of human souls, the hopes of man in future happenings is the one great boon to all. The destroying of hopes of children in Santa Claus puts a damper on the spirit of hope and anticipation in them. We are sorry that tales of Santa Claus are not told in school instead of destroying the sweet dreams and anticipations of the little ones.

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The Standard has no intention of arguing the question as to whether the country is growing worse or better, but can plainly see that the Eighteenth Amendment has made thousands upon thousands of lawbreakers, and thousands more who have no respect for that law and growing less respectful of other laws. We have no suggestions to make as to changes, unless it would be through education instead of force. Unless a change takes place soon it will require an army of spies at millions of expense to try to enforce this one law. Men who are truthful in other matters are liars on enforcement of National Prohibition.

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With the close of the year it should be in the heart of man to forgive and forget many things that have happened. Until a man's heart is cleansed he is not fit to die. The editor of The Standard has had many conflicting emotions during the year. Those of sorrow, of regret and some of bitter hatred. Those of sorrow have been for the afflicted, for those who have lost loved ones, for those in trouble, and these emotions have been sincere and from the heart. Those of regret have been caused by the thought of having hurt the feelings of those in the community who have had erring ones in their families that have had their names in print. These regrets are genuine for all concerned. Those of hatred have been for the politician who uses abuse and tries to ruin those whom he cannot rule. It is wrong, we know, to hold resentment toward this class of humanity, and maybe, some day, this sort of resentment will pass away, but not now.

MORGAN AND CAPITOL IN ACCORD ON LOAN

Washington, December 19.—The notification given to the German Ambassador by the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. to the effect that it is impossible to discuss or consider a loan to Germany "unless and until the reparations question is settled", is expected in official and dipolmatic circles in Washington to have a most far-reaching influence upon the work of those now engaged in another effort to find a cure for the European economic situation.

So far as the American Government is concerned, there is complete accord with the position taken by the recognized leader in the American banking world, the view of President Harding, Secretary Hughes and other influential advisers in the administration that reparations is the crux of the present situation in Europe which cannot be improved until there has been a definite and final settlement of the reparations issue.

The foreign banking groups, with the exception of the French, have been in general accord with the position stated in the announcement by Morgan & Co., and there is reason for believing that the allied governments in general, but with the notable exception of the French, have been for some time willing to proceed to the adjustment of the question of reparations on a new basis if France were willing to join in such an effort.

The consensus of competent opinion in Washington has bee that the amount of reparations as now fixed for Germany to pay is too high, because it is believed by most American bankers and economists as beyond the real limit of German capacity to meet them.

Queen Mary is one of the most honored women in England, she already having 23 honorary degrees.

Mrs. Charles Clark of Cleve, Ohio, came in Christmas day for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Chambliss.

Mrs. Wm. E. Payne and son, Bill, will leave for their home in Ballston, Va., Friday at noon, after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Blanton. Ballston is four miles beyond the Potomac River from Washington, D. C.

In the first seven months of 1922, Denmark exported about 55,000 tons of butter in casks or cases, or nearly 2000 tons more than was exported in the corresponding period of 1921. England continues to be the principal buyer of Danish butter, taking two-thirds of the total exports. Of late, France and Belgium have also imported considerable quantities. Shipments to other countries, with the exception of those to Czechoslovakia, have diminished, notably those which were taken by the United States.

New Year Greeting

To Our Faithful Old Friends and Cherished New Friends

And those whose friendship we strive to deserve, we tender this

GREETING

We hope that the New Year will be a happy one for you and that great prosperity will be yours. We want you to make OUR STORE YOUR STORE. We strive to please you, therefore we ask for your hearty co-operation.

THE QUALITY STORE — SIKESTON MERCANTILE CO. — SIKESTON MO.

WIFE SUES PASTOR, NAMING 122 WOMEN

Providence, R. I., Dec. 20.—The Rev. Adolph H. Englehardt, 42, pastor o fthe Church of Divine Science, whose wife is said to name 122 women in her divorce action, is Dr. Adolph Von Henri. He conducted a healing establishment here before being interned for two years as a dangerous enemy alien, according to the police, who say he has also been arrested here for illegal practice of medicine.

Mrs. Englehardt's petition declares her husband has hypnotic power over women, and police who investigated say she may be right. His healing treatments consisted mainly in laying on of hands, accompanied by a phonograph, the music being changed to meet "spiritual" needs of the patient. Federal authorities took the "Doctor" into custody December 11, 1917. Women mourned, visitde him in his cell and sent him delicacies.

Assistant Attorney-General Sisson called him "the most dangerous man in Rhode Island". A short time ago Dr. Von Henri founded his church, holding "healing services". Mrs. Isabelle Bradley, styled a "Ballot Medium", assisted. The pastor-healer calls his wife's mention of the 122 women as a "despicable attack". He admits she sued for non-support two months ago.

Yearling colts brought $896.40 a head when 25 of them from Walnut Hall Farm, famous trotting horse nursery at Donerail, Ky., sold for $22,410 recently in New York. The top price was $5,600 for Real Frisco. Canadian and European buyers were present.

The American Legion which is preparing a campaign against illiteracy, in relative order, are Germany, Denmark, Switzerland, Holland, Finland, Norway, Sweden, Scotland, England, Wales and France. This country does not hold a rank in this respect that should inspire much National pride, but measures are being proposed in many quarters at once to better the situation.

Yearly consumption of potatoes in the United States is 3.2 b shels per capita. The 1922 potatoes last year there was a market for only 4 bushels. There was no need for the extra fifth bushel, yet that extra figth bushel set the price for the other 4 bushels. But that extra fifth bushel was not a full bushel. It represented culls, potatoes that were not dug because of low prices and thousands of bushels of potatoes that rotted or froze on the ground because the railroads could not handle them. Culls and losses culled the surplus bushel to approximately a peck, maybe less, possibly to nothing. Yet the culls set the price for all the potatoes consumed.

Widow-burning now virtually extinct in India, is said to exist in certain parts of Africa. Widows are immolated on the husband's funeral pyre as a sign of virtue, and also to provide the dead man with attendants in the next world.

IMMEMORIAL USAGE CITED IN RUM CASE

Washington, December 19.—The decision of Federal Judge Hand at New York holding that foreign vessels cannot bring intoxicating liquors into the territorial waters of the United States, was attacked as contrary to immemorial usage and unwarranted by any present law, in a brief for the foreign lines filed in the Supreme Court by former Attorney General George Wickersham.

Summing up his reasons for asking that the lower court be reversed, Wickersham declared that although the prohibition amendment and the Volstead enforcement act apply only to the United States and all territory subject to its jurisdiction, they do not operate to constitute regulations of the internal affairs of foreign merchant vessels coming within American waters.

Immemorial usage, the brief asserted, established the right of such vessels to carry beverages as a part of their stores or supplies for the use of passengers and crew, and something further than any law now on the statute books would be required to prohibit continuance of that custom, it was asserted.

Mere possession of liquor on board a ship, lawful in its inception, cannot become unlawful, Wickersham argued the moment the ship crosses the three-mile limit into American territorial waters. He declared the presence of these liquors on board while the ship is in Amercian waters and on her progress from the three-mil elimit to her dock and return was not transportation within the meaning of the prohibition amendment or enforcement act.

The brief covered more than a hundred printed pages and presented a review of the laws of foreign countries under which foreign steamships are required to carry intoxicating liquors and wines.

Of the more than 300,000 women nurses in the United States in 1920, more than half were below the standard of the registered nurse.

Miss Virginia Matthews entertained some of her friends at a six o'clock dinner Tuesday evening, after which they witnessed "Nice People" at the Malone Theatre.

SAYS WAGES WON'T GO BACK TO PREWAR LEVEL

Washington, December 19.—Wages will never return to the levels in effect before the war, Julius H. Barnes, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, asserted in an address today before the Washington City Club. The advance since 1913, he said, "is not wartime inflation, but a real increase in individual earning power", and he declared that "an economic system which can give us more for everyone—more automobiles more general education, more modern plumbing, more gramophones and bigger real wages—must be preserved".

Barnes said the decrease of 1,700,000 in the number of farm workers since 1900 was not "evidence of the decadence of agriculture", because improved machinery "has enabled fewer workers to get more production and men who have been released have been able to supply the brawn for the four great industrial development of the last twenty years—in automobiles, electricity, motion pictures and chemical work".

He declared the great problem before the nation was to distribute the wealth "so that it will not concentrate into the hands of a few" since, if that were permitted, "the broad purchasing market necessary to absorb our production" would be lacking.

Barnes said no constructive thuoghts have appeared in the present discussion of the telephone problem. He pointed to the investment since 1907 of fifteen to twenty billions in automobile trucks, six billions in good roads and five billions in service stations, compared with the relatively small investment in railroad terminal facilities as indicating "establishment of an individualistic competitive system of telephone which will not fall under the ban of over-regulation". Motor trucks, he added, are "hauling more than onehalf as much freight as the railroads and while a good deal of this is first haul to the railroads, it shows what can be done by a greater extension of the truck hauling plan".

Mrs. N. T. Boedker of Berkeley, Cal., helps immigrant women earn money by means of their native handiwork and teaches them lessons of citizenship.

SIKESTON EIGHT FORNFELT FOUR

Superintendent Ellise and Mrs. Elise chaperoned the Girls' Basketball team to Fornfelt Friday evening where they played the champion team of Southeast Missouri, in fact, the Fornfelt team had not been defeated during the past two seasons.

The game was warmly contested, but Sikeston was able to defeat the champions by a score of 8 to 4.

The Sikeston team was composed of Lottie Dover, Lena Plott and Anita Winchester, guards; Clar Lindley, center; Dorothy Lillard and Ruby Richards, forwards.

Superintendent Ellise and the entire High School is mighty proud of the honor of beating Fornfelt.

Our girls play in white uniforms and present a very striking picture when in action. The white sweaters for the girls have been ordered and are expected at an early date.

The per capita consumption of eggs in the United States is half an egg a day, which totals about 52 million eggs a day.

In Sweden it is a popular custom for a bride to fill her pockets with bread, which she hands to everyone she meets on her way to the church. Every piece she disposes of is supposed to avert a misfortune.

The bill of Senator Norris, Republican, Nebraska, to establish a $100,000,000 government corporation to finance sale of agricultural products was ordered reported favorably by the Senate Agriculture Committee.

Roy Finch's love for wild horses, many of which he had mastered by his excellent horsemanship, although only 16 years old, led him to his death near his father's home, four miles north of Missouri City, in Clay County. While on a Western broncho without saddle and with only a halter on it, the animal broke and ran down the road. The boy was unable to check his mount's speed and, coming suddenly upon a herd of cattle being driven across the road, the rider was thrown, his pony falling on top of him among the stampeding cattle. The boy's neck wa sbroken. His father recently moved to this county from Montana and has about 25 head of western ponies.

The new freedom enjoyed by Turkish women has caused increased exports of lipsticks from the United States.

Announcement is made that the Palestine Government has arranged for a loan of £2,500,000 (normally about $12,500,000. The loan was floated in London.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

To you and to those whose happiness is yours---

Permit us here to thank you for the most excellent business accorded our market.

A Happy New Year

Sellards Meat Market

To Our Good Friends and Patrons

To you whose friendship and good will have helped to make the past year a satisfactory one to us we send our cordial appreciation, and our sincere wishes for a

Happy New Year

May you enjoy a full measure of pleasure during the season and may the coming year bring you the greatest happiness and prosperity you have ever known.

Sikeston Electric Laundry Co.

RUSH OF HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS AT THE CLOSE OF PRESENT YEAR

Frank B. Newton, engineer in charge of District No. 10, State Highway Department, was in Cape Girardeau late yesterday and told The Missourian that he had recently awarded road contracts as follows:

At Kennett last Friday the following contracts were awarded: To M. E. Gillioz, a stretch of 11 miles running northwest from Holcomb, grading, graveling and bridging, $330,000. In this contract is a very large bridge over St. Francis and several other smaller bridges.

Another section of this contract, six miles, was awarded to Albert Creek at $93,500.

To W. A. Leach was awarded the first stretch of the concrete highway east and west through Kennett to the Arkansas line, 7 miles of 9-foot concrete with 7 feet of gravel, eight steel bridges, one costing $23,000, for $275,002.

To Robertson, Carmean and Bennett went the second stretch of 6 miles of 9-foot concrete and 7-foot gravel, with bridges, at $145,027.

To the Service Construction, of Poplar Bluff went the third stretch of 3.3 miles of the same type, at $89,252.

The same company secured the fourth stretch of the same contract, being 11 miles of the same type, at $300,924.

This stretch of 27.3 miles concrete and gravel highway, with numerous bridges, which will connect Kennett with the Arkansas concrete highway to Paragould, will cost $1,233,712, this price being the gross figure.

The letting of these latest contracts in Dunklin county places that county at the top in highway construction. A year or so ago Dunklin voted a bond issue of $1,2000,000 and contracts are now let to the extent of $1,762,000. Much federal and state aid is being received there and by the end of next year Dunklin will have a network of highways second to none in the state.

Last Staturday at Poplar Bluff a stretch of 19.7 miles of grading, graveling and bridging from Poplar Bluff to the Butler-Carter County line, was awarded to C. M. Wilson and P. G. Smith, two wealthy farmers of that county, at $152,000.

At Caruthersville last Friday a contract for two miles of graveled road 16 feet wide from Hayti southeast was awarded at $18,290.

Engineer Newton went to Marble Hill early today to open bids on the building of a graveled road from Patton to Marble Hill and a stretch of 6 miles from Marble Hill south.

Wednesday at Fredericktown he will open bids for the building of a graveled road, with bridges, from that place toward Ironton, a stretch of 5 miles.

Thursday at Bloomfield, he will wind up the letting of contracts under the Morgan-McCullough state aid law, when bids on a stretch of 5 miles of gravel on the Birds Point-Poplar Bluff highway will be opened. —Cape Missourian.

TUBERCULOSIS FREE CATTLE ARE WANTED

D F. Luckey, livestock commissioner of the National Stock Yards, East St. Louis, and formerly state veterinarian, left this afternoon for his home in St. Louis, after a week's trip in Cape Girardeau county, during which he urged the farmers to organize to eradicate tuberculosis from their herds of cattle.

Luckey said that he found the sentiment in Cape Girardeau county in favor of the movement and that he had several successful meetings here. He said he is urging the farmers to join and have their herds tested for tuberculosis. He said that packers are offering a 10 per cent increase in price for meat coming from counties from which the disease has been eradicated.—Cape Missourian.

Rev. Hibner of Morehouse will preach at the City Hall Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

For sometime farmers living north of Parma have been losing young pigs, kid goats, geese and chickens and were of the opinion that predatory animals were the source of the trouble but all efforts to catch the marauder proved futil until last Sunday night, when Elmer Burnett who lives three miles north of here caught the largest Bob Cat ever seen in this section of the country.—Malden Merit.

CHURCHES SEEK LAWS TO CHECK MATING OF UNFIT

Hartford, Conn., December 24.—More stringent marriage laws will be sought by the church organizations and those dispensing charity through a campaign just launched.

Judge Epaphroditus Peck of Bristol has been appointed by the State Federation of Churches to investigate the marriage and divorce laws and to prepare a report on proposals for physical examinations of both prospective brides and grooms.

The object of the campaign is to prevent the marriage of persons deemed not of the proper grade of health and intelligence to marry and rear families.

The charity organizations declare that much poverty is due to the marriage of unfit persons, and that many are prevented from earning a living because of mental and physical defects caused by hereditary taints.

Wood-Cunningham

On Friday evening, December 22, Miss Vera Cunningham, daughter of Mrs Sarah Cunningham, was married to John C. Wood, by Rev. Thos. B. Mather, at the Methodist parsonage.

Miss Cunningham has been a valued employee of the Scott County Milling Company and Mr. Wood is the scientific man in charge of the laboratory of the Scott County Milling Co. and is held in high esteem by his employes.

The newlyweds will makes their home with Mrs. Cunningham.

The Standard extends congratulations and best wishes for a happy wedded life.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cresap of Gideon spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Cresap's homefolks, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lescher.

Shortly after 8:00 o'clock Monday evening the fire department was called out to fight a blaze at the Coco Cola Bottling plant on Front Street. The fire was soon under control, but not until one of their delivery trucks was destroyed.

Five candidates, one of them a woman, have already announced for the office of county superintendent of Stoddard county at the election on April 3. They are: G. C. Meineke, A. J. Myers, Charles B. Miller, Amos E. Alexander, Mrs. Bertha Rhoades Williams.

CAR LOAD OF COTTON DAMAGED BY FIRE

A car loaded with bales of cotton was discovered to be on fire on the Frisco track last Sunday afternoon. The fire company responded to the call and soon had the fire put out.

In some manner, perhaps by tramps riding in the car, the fire broke out in the car which was in the middle of a long freight train headed north and the train crew cut the one car out so the fire company could get to it.

The bales were taken out of the car and while scorched and the burlap torn, were not badly damaged. The roof of the car was destroyed, but the car bottom and wheels were saved.

"The Impossible Mrs. Bellew" Dramatic Story of Great Power.

The Lance Bellews, a wealthy family whose home is on the Hudson, near New York, lived in discord. Lance Bellew, husband and father, finds the apartment of Naomi Templeton a more attractive lounging place than his own home, and the society of its mistress more diverting than that of his wife, Betty, and their little son. Betty is unaware of his infidelity.

Jerry Woodruff, a friend of long standing of the Bellews, is cognizant of the situation, and his sincere desire to prevent a family catastrophe shows itself in numerous kindly and perfectly innocent attentions to Betty and her boy.

Naomi sets out to make Bellew suspicious of his wife's relations with Woodruff, hoping to bring about a divorce and then to capture Lance as a husband. The result is a quarrel and Lance insults his wife. Jerry resents Bellews' conduct, and Bellew, infuriated by Woodruff's contempt, shoots and kills Jerry.

The efforts of Lance Bellew's relatives to persuade Betty to testify at his trial are fruitless; but a clever lawyer, by working on her love for her little son, wins her consent to this program. And then the lawyer achieves the acquittal of Lance by convincing the jury that the killing of Woodruff was justified. Betty finds that while her husband remains unpunished her own reputation is blasted.

Bellew, anxious to punish and humiliate Betty, sues her for a divorce and gets a decree. The referee decides that Betty is not a fit person to rear her child, and awards the custody of little Lance to his father.

Rendered desperate by this injustice Betty attempts to kidnap her boy. He is torn from her as a transatlantic liner is in Long Island Sound, ready to start for Europe. Aboard the liner is John Helstan, a young writer, and his father, Rev. Dr. Helstan. Young Helstan's sympathies are aroused by the plight of Betty. At Deauville, where they all go, Betty learns that the world is a hard place for a woman with such a reputation as that which has darkened her life. She is known as "The Impossible Mrs. Bellew", a name which comes after Alice Granville snubs her because of jealousy over Betty's attraction for Grand Duke Rostoy de Varnak, a notorious roue, who becomes infatuated with her.

John continues to defend Betty. Rev. Dr. Helstan, however, sees the trend of things and suggests a separation. Betty plans to bring this about by disgusting John with her conduct at a party given by the Duke. Meantime, Lance Bellew, married to Naomi, has learned the meaning of suffering and neglect. Aunt Agatha, repentant of her actions towards Betty in securing false testimony at the trial, quarrels wit hher son, takes little Lance and goes to Europe.

At Deauville she meets Rev. Dr. Helstan and tells him the truth regarding Betty. John returns from the party convinced that what the world says about Betty is true. He is told the truth, and returns to the Grand Duke's mansion just in time to rescue Betty from the embraces of the roue.

Betty, the child and John are reunited in the apartment of Dr. Helsan. A new and happier life opens itself out for "The Impossible Mrs. Bellew".

The Council of Ambassadors has sent a note to the German Ambassador in Paris acknowledging the receipt of the Ambassador's note concerning the attacks made at Stettin, Passau and Ingoldstadt on officers of the Allied Control Commission and also of the payment of the indemnity demanded. The council accepts the excuses offered on the understanding that they were formally offered in the name of the Bavarian Government and not in the name of the Reich. The note also asks for confirmation whether certain punishments which it had been announced would be inflicted had really been carried out.

A NEW YEAR FOR YOU

As the year wanes, and we stand on the threshold of a new one, with gratitude we remember that you have been our patron.

And our thoughts go out to you winged with wishes that health and happiness may ever be yours and that success in full measure may attend your future days.

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The Holidays and the New Year

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We convey to you a word of thanks and cordial greetings, together with the sincere wish that the year 1923 will bring to you and yours much happiness, prosperity and contentment in plenteous measure.

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COL. MABREY OUT AS 140TH'S COMMANDER

Col. Warren L. Mabrey, commander of the 140th Infantry, Missouri National Guard, has been relieved of his command, according to information here today.

Orders to Lieut. Colonel Kenrick Burrough, Cape Girardeau attorney, to take charge of the regiment, were received December 19. Col. Mabrey, in the same orders, was requested to turn over the money, property and all equipment of the regiment to the lieutenant colonel.

Personal investigation into the affairs of the regiment was made here last week by Col. Fred W. Manchester, assistant to the State Adjutant.—Cape Missourian.

FOX STAR IN STIRRING SHEIKLAND PICTURE

John Gilbert, the William Fox star, will be at the Malone Theatre next Wednesday in "Ariabian Love", a stirring story set in the Arabian desert with its sheiks its outlawry, its cruelty and its charm.

Gilbert plays the part of a white man who has been driven by necessity to join a band of Arab outlaws and who finds the band a good refuge—until he meets a white girl captive from a looted caravan. He wins his girl from the band, helps her to escape, and falls in love with her. She thanks her gallant rescuer, and does not learn until their romance has progressed into a deep love that Gilbert is a fugitive charged with the murder of her husband. The story is said to have all the dashing romance and thrill of the desert life.

Barbara Bedford plays opposite Gilbert.

Two thousand deadly weapons taken from persons arrested in New York during the year were hauled to sea Tuesday and dumped. They included more than 1500 pistols, 112 rifles and an assortment of knives, daggers, black-jacks and slugs.

Free seed went dow to defeat in the House Friday when an amendment offerd by Representative Langley (Rep.) of Kentucky to add an appropriation of $360,000 to the agricultural appropriation bill for distribution of seed by members of Congress, was voted down, 74 to 71.

Mrs. Sue Stallcup of Washington is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Stallcup.

Mrs. Wm. E. Payne, Mrs. Byron Guhtrie of Charleston, Misses Mary and Catherine Blanton were dinner guests Wednesday of Mr, and Mrs. Harry Blanton.

A Highlander who prided himself on being able to play any tune on the pipes perched himself on the side of one of his native hills on Sunday morning and commenced blowing for all he was worth. Presently the minister came along, and, going up to MacDougall with the intention of severely reprimanding him, asked in a very harsh voice: "MacDougall, do you know the Ten Commandments?" MacDoougall scratched his chin for a moment, and then, in an equally harsh vocie, said: "D'e think you've beat me? Just whistle the first thre or four bars, and I'll hae a try at it".—The Argonaut.

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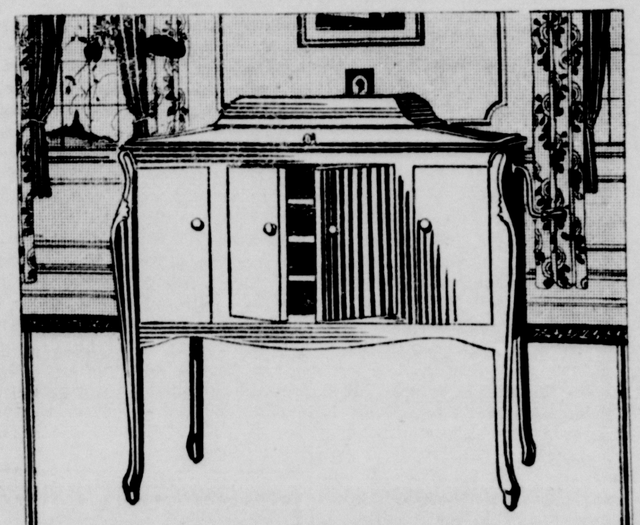

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce Ralph McCullough of Morley for Superintendent of Schools of Scott County, subject to the will of the voters at the April, 1923, election.

We are authorized to announce Jno. H. Goodin of Benton for Superintendent of Schools of Scott County, subject to the will of the voters at the April, 1923, election.

Small turkeys are better than big turkeys because there isn't so much hash on a small turkey.

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The editor's house on Christmas Day was a home of fuss, feasting and happiness. Our eight children and three grandchildren were present with Dr. Blanton, wife and two children, Stella Strack of Benton, and Foster Bruton of Columbia. On this occasion old trouble was laid aside and the day given to enjoyment.

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J. W. Sarff of Morehouse gave us a phone message Christmas morning to say that Santa Claus had sent nine pigs to the sow that he recently purchased at the L. H. Glover sale at Kansas City. They are by Liberator, the greatest Poland China male ever sired. Mr. Sarff seemed to be doing well at the time the message was sent.

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This issue of The Standard goes into every home in Sikeston. If any who are not already taking the paper desire to have it sent to their address for 1923, we would be glad to have them call at once. The management would like to place the paper in every home in this trade territory, but wouldn't give a penny for a list anywhere else. We shall try hard to make the paper worth the price and to be an asset to the community and solicit the co-operation of all.

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Sikeston has a modiste and designer of women's dresses of no mean ability. While the editor knows nothing about the intricasies of woman's wear, he will say that in Miss Fern Allen, Sikeston has an artist in the line of designing and executing woman's dresses that all should be proud of. Miss Allen has recently designed and made, several evening dresses that have been the equal of any brought in by the local merchants. It is very probable that she will spend a few weeks in Chicago this spring and take a course in designing to better enable her to give her patrons the best service.

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One of our letter writers undertakes to tell us why Mr. Wilson's name is always applauded when it is mentioned at any public gathering. Great Scott! Whose name would we applaud if not that of the man who gave us the only going ideal the world has before it in these parlous times? Mr. Wilson wanted us to quit fighting. Are we quitting or not? Well, everybody is so afraid to fight in the dispute over the Dardanelles and that over reparations that a dozen wars have gone by the borad within the last few weeks. He thought it would be easier for us to rid ourselves of war if we got off of one another's premises. Are we getting off? Well, the Japanese sail for home from some place in the East every week, and the British got out of Ireland the other day. There is a great idea blowing about on the wind. It is in all the seven seas and upon their shores. It is the idea that man as a predatory beast is not a success. Where did ve get that idea? From Mr. Wilson. He did not need the League of Nations. He needed nothing but the welter into which the world got itself. Did he lose the 14 points? It doesn't matter. The ideal of peace lives. It gathers strength and force. It is the biggest thing in the world—the only perfect ideal the crazy old world has ever had. Is it, then, any wonder that when Mr. Wilson's name is mentioned the audience chers? No, indeed. At that, we have not begun to cheer yet.—Clark McAdams in Post-Dispatch.

The Church and War

There are about 140,000 ministers and priests in the United States. Before and after the World War they were for peace. During the war they were for war. Why was this? Because the people were for peace before and after the war and for war during the war, and the church, as the institution that reflects their emotional states, taught a corresponding doctrines. But why did the church gradually swing over to a war attitude, even before the United States went to war? First, because the American people were being gradually won over to the war position by the newspapers and the other propaganda forces, second, because the church, with annual expenditure of more than a third of a billion dollars, must go for financial assistance to the same group of financial interests that were using the newspapers to make a war. The ruling classes have had many reasons for making wars, but whatever the reason, they have always had a dependable ally in the emotional exaltation that was stirred up by the church. Historically it is quite fair to say that one of the functions of the church has been to arouse people in order that they might be more eager to fight. Certainly that is the experience of the past century. There have been Friends, Mennonites and other small sects that have made an honorable record as opponents to war. Jesus and His immediate followers (with the possible exception of Peter) were pacifists, but since the institutionalizing of the Christian Church, and its expropriation by Constantine, it has been consistently and invariably pro-war.—the Nation.

The Sikeston merchants with few exceptions had their places of business decorated in keeping with the occasion. Business was very good and few articles will have to be carried over.

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It must ruffle certain Congressmen not a little to go back home and see a constituent now and then spending a few dollars on a new house or a car and realize that there goes some money the Government hasn't got.—Kansas City Star.

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Mrs. Joe Brasher of Caruthersville spent Christmas in this city with her mother, Mrs. Reva Smith. The Standard was honored with a call from Mrs. Brasher while here. At an early date she will dispose of the herd of Big Type Polands that her husband owned at the time of his death, among the number being a young male by Revelation, a National Grand Champion.

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Many of our readers have expressed regrets that The Standard will be issued but once a week. These are appreciated by the management very much, but the lack of sufficient support from our merchants and the slow collections from subscribers, has compelled the change before it was forced on us by the sheriff. Just as soon as the demand for space comes from the business men just then will the twice-a-week editions be resumed.

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Tuesday, February 20, 1923, C. L. Blanton & Sons will offer to the public at the McCord barn in Sikeston, 35 head of Big Type Poland bred sows and bred and open gilts. This offering will contain just as good individuals as was ever put in a sales ring in Southeast Missouri. For the past 3 years Milton and Ben Blanton have put in as long hours with their herd as any man in the state, have worked hard with little or no capital, and unless the farmer public and the breeders of the community give them better support than the last sale or two they had, they will have to sacrifice their herd to he butcher, lose all their houses, fencing, etc. It is hard to have the ambition of boys crushed but the senior member of the firm, who is a silent figure, cannot finance them further.

"BOSTON BLACKIE" COMING SOON TO MALONE THEATRE

A good crook melodrama with a brand new angle is a rare and pleasing thing in the movies. "The Face in the Fog" featuring Lionel Barrymore and Seena Owen and with Lowell Sherman heading the supporting cast, is said to furnish just such a story. The picture, which is a Paramount, will be seen at the Malone Theatre tonight (Friday).

"The Face in the Fog" was adapted from one of Jack Boyle's popular "Boston Blackie" stories Lionel Barrymore is seen as the famous crook. However, in this story, "Blackie" has reformed and is leading the life of a respectable citizen of New York. Quite innocent he and his wife "Mary" become involved in the schemes of a gang of international crooks to rob an expatriated Russian princess of her diamond heirlooms.

"Blackie" at once jumps into the swim on the side of righteousness and adapting some of the stratagems and tricks of the trade that he learned during his sojourn in the underworld, foils the villians, after a series of hair-raising and unusual adventures that take one behind the scenes in Broadway night life.

Lionel Barrymore is said to do some of the best work of his career as "Boston Blackie". Mary McLaren, former Universal star, is "Mary", and Seena Owen is seen as the princess. Lowell Sherman has an important role.

In 1890 the editor was living at Oran and soon after getting there he met a young man, 90 yars old, and he said to mé: "Doctor have you a wife?" I answered yes, sir. He said: "Well, I want to tell you that she was mighty easy pleased".—Charleston Index.

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The Standard has no new resolves to make for the year 1923, but will endeavor to give a square deal to the public and to individuals. It will be its aim to advocate the things th t are best for the community and condemn those that are a detriment. The bootlegger, the seducer, the ravisher, the law breaker, need expect no favors as they will get none and it matters not whose toes are stepped on.

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The government in the Union of South Africa is furnishing poison free to farmers and lending spray pumps in a campaign being made against voetgangers, or locusts. With the coming of spring in South Africa a few weeks ago the voetgangers became a dangerous pest. The law requires the occupant of land to report the appearance of locusts to the government. He is also held responsible for destroying them on land he occupies, but the government gives him the poison and the tools to do it with, having gathered large supplies of poison and spray pumps at convenient points.

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In a speech before the primary Ralph Lozier, now Congressman from the second district, stated that he was opposed to bonds of any kind being exempt from taxation, and if elected would take steps looking to the taxing of all bonds. We hope such will be his very first official act. In the speech referred to he stated that Secretary of the Treasury Mellon is worth 90 million dollars, 60 million of which he has in bonds and on which he pays not one cent tax. If such birds as Mellon, who never did a real day's work in his life, but worked the other fellow to a finish, had to pay a just tax on every dollar they own, the ordinary man would not be staggering under a tax burden that is making his eyes stick out.—Higbee News.

An Unsportsmanlike Claim

The Sikeston Standard, in an article published in its Friday issue and signed "Spectator" again opens the dispute which resulted from a mistaken decision made by the referee of the football game played in that city on November 3 between Charleston and Sikeston. The writer not only goes into a lengthy thesis in an effort to prove that Sikeston should be entitled to credit for the contest, but also goes out of his (or her) way to accuse Coach Ossenfort nad J. M. Haw of this city, of "unfair and unsportsmanlike conduct" as a result of their trip to Cape Girardeau the day following the game to present to the referee the rule under which an erroneous decision had been made upon the field of play. It seems to us that an accusation of poor sportsmanship comes with very poor grace from the author of the article in question.

Charleston and Sikeston were playing a game under the recognized rules of football. Due to the failure of the referee to know these rules fully, he erred, just as a trial judge sometimes errs in his decisions on the bench. The play in which the error was made was an unusual one, and one in which an error was excusable. Charleston protested the ruling and continued to play under protest, and shortly after the game was over the rule govering the play was found by which the referee's previous decision was proved erroneous and which, if the referee had known at the time, would have given Charleston the game on the field. Coach Ossenfort, members of the team and Mr. Haw, the latter only as a friend of the team, motored to Cape Girardeau the following day, presented the rule to the referee and obtained an admission from him that his previous decision was wrong under the rules, and that Charleston was entitled to the game instead of Sikeston.

It seems to us that if the game is to be played under certain rules, these rules should apply alike to the two teams at contest. To give Sikeston a game, which, under the rules, belongs to Charleston by a score of 6-2, might seem a fair and sportsmanlike procedure to the fans of Sikeston, but we doubt if any unbiased authority would so decide. If the rule book, as in the case at issue, syas that a ball blocked behind the line of scrimmage counts as a safety, by what twist of imagination can it be claimed that it should be counted as a tuochdown? Even had the referee in the case refusde to recognize his mistaken ruling, would it be right for "Spectator", whoever the alias conceals, to claim the decision, knowing it to be wrong? Isn't there such a thing as honesty in football, as in everything else?

As a lover of fair, clean football, the editor of this paper regrets than an occasion for this dispute arose, but at the same time we fail to see any possible ground for establishing the claim on the part of "Spectator", that Sikeston was entitled to this game, unless the rule book is to be discarded and the referee's admission of error disregarded. As to the charges of unfairness and unsportsmanlike conduct against Coach Ossenfort and J. M. Haw, such charges, coming from one of "Spectator's" evident viewpoint, are humorous.—Charleston Courier.

Grain Trade Bunc

The president of the Chicago Board of Trade says prohibition has lowered the price of grain, the inference being that the bear gamblers have not.

That is what the brewers and distillers began telling us about prohibition 30 years ago, as one state after another went "dry". Notwithsanding, grain prices on he whole continued to advance further than they receded in the quarter century preceding the war. Since that time the world has never seen such extreme need for breadstuffs and hasn't enough to eat today.

California grape growers supposed national prohibition would render their vineyards useless. Instead the demand for unfermented grapejuice, and the wider use of raisins as a food, requires them to grow five or six times as many grapes as formerly were turned into wine. In the same way the use of corn and malt grains hsa multiplied. Malted milk has an enormous sale.

John Barleycorn as a grain buyer never has been missed. The loss of his trade by farmers was almost immediately compensated for by an improved American standard of living, coincident and consequent upon the lessening of the drink evil. The president of the Chicago Board of Trade is talking bunc.—Capper's Farmer.

Leon Heisserer and Mrs. Catherine Norrid of Benton were recently married. Leon is a son of W. H. Heisserer, while the bride is a daughter of the late William Hunter. The Standard extens congratulations.

Mrs. Laura Smith had a family dinner on Wednesday.

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We Wish You Heartily the Season's Greeting

Prompted by a sense of deep appreciation and an earnest desire to convey to our good friends and patrons our feeling toward them, we send this greeting. As the tide of good wishes flow to you during the Joyous Holiday Season, we assure you that none are more sincere than ours for your prosperity and unlimited happiness.

Yes, we wish you a Merry Christmas and may it be the merriest one the world has even seen in all the centuries which have passed since that first glorious Christmas Day far off in Bethlehem.

In the Yuletide joy we shall not forget to say here that we deeply appreciate the loyal patronage, the friendship and good will of the many friends of

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The Joy We Wish for You

We wish for you that the highways of your lifeway may be resplendent with the blossoms of tender service, may you give and receive friendship; give love, faith and confidence and receive the full measure of reward; may you and your loved ones enjoy the Christmas season and may the New Year unfold to you a great measure of true happiness and prosperity of lasting nature.

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May the New Year be a prosperous and fruitful one, may joy and recompense come to you. May it be our privilege to help add to your success.

With hearty good wishes from every member of this Company to YOU and YOURS for a Prosperous Nineteen Twenty-Three.

The Little Daisy
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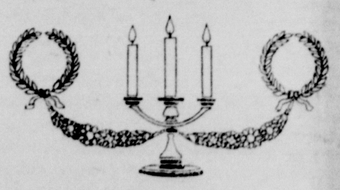
Not because it is an honored custom, but because of the sincerity of our appreciation, we take this opportunity to thank you for the part you have played in our business prosperity, and we wish you a Happy New Year.

THE GEM---Dode's Place

My Holiday Toast To You

May all things that impart delight
Be richly spread upon your board,
And may you have an appetite
Demanding all you can afford.

Ed Wilson's Place



The good will of the Christmas season reminds us of your good will throughout the year for which we give our heartfelt thanks. May happiness, prosperity and great success be yours throughout the coming year.

Citizens Store Company

GREETINGS

At this season our thoughts revert gratefully to those whose courtesy, co-operation and loyalty have assisted in making ours the

Leading Bakery of Southeast Mo.

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, Mrs. B. F. Blanton and daughter Emily and Ben Blanton visited in Cairo Thursday.

Miss Alfreda Denon will return to Brown's Business College at St. Louis Tuesday, where she is a student.

Clyde King of Eldorado, Ill., returned to his home Tuesday, aftr a pleasant visit at the home of Miss Alfreda Denton.

Miss Jacobs, who has been on an extended visit with Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Kready, returned to her home in Forth, Kansas Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Wilson entertained with a six o'clock dinner Wednesday evening, Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Dover of St. Louis, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Matthews and Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Wilson.

The following young ladies were dinner guests of Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Kready on Christmas evening, complimentary to Miss Helen Calder, he house guest of Miss Helen Kready: Misses Honora Bailey, Dixie Fox, Fleta Kiser and Flora Ing of Poplar Bluff.

On January 11th, the first of a series of high class entertainments that will be financed by the members of the Methodist Church will be an organ recital by Charles Galloway, which promises to be very fine. These entertainments will be free, but a silver offering will be accepted at the door.

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Erle B. Belden and wife of Decatur, Ill., to Lawrence B. Miller and wife of Macon County, Ill. 195 acres of land in sec. 30, twp. 25, range 13. $30,000.

Joe Craig to W. H. & Orpha Trout all of New Madrid County: All of the NW¼ of the SW¼, sec. 8, wp. 22, range 12 containing 40 acres. $3,000.

John T. Pearson and wife to G. B. Sherrell of New Madrid County: SW¼ sec. 5, twp. 21, range 11, containing 155.41 acres. $14,250.

W. M. Busby and wife of Willow Springs to William Hartman of Cape Girardeau County: The E½ of lots 8, 9, 10 and 11 in block 3 in the original town of Matthews. $400.

Same parties to Mrs. Mary Davis of Cape County: All of the W½ of lots 8, 9, 10 and 11 in block 3 in the original town of Matthesw $800.

N. E. Fuchs, et al of Scott County to Mrs. Ruth E. Swansey of Lilbourn: A portion of ground located between the right of way of St. Louis Southwestern R. R. and San Francisco R. R. in range A city of Lilbourn; also all that par of NW¼ of NE¼ sec. 35, twp. 23, range 13 lying south of the right-of-way of St. Louis San Francisco R. R. east of the right of way of St. Louis and San Francisco R. R. For a more paricular description see book 79 page 194 New Madrid County Records. $1.00 and exchange of real estate.

S. J. Harris and wife of Gideon to Andy Miller of New Madrid Co. Lot 6, block 2 town of Hartzell. $50.00

Wm. Pryor and wife to Charles C. Fields of New Madrid Couny: All of lot 8, block 32 and 20 feet off of the West side of lot 7 from front to the alley De Lisle's 1st add. to the city of Portageville. $1000.

Marriage License

Claude Cooper and Mildred Bailey, both of Point Pleasant.

Donnie Durbin of Point Pleasant and Pearlie Williford of Conran.

William Ponter and Willa E. Freeman, both of Conran.

Hugh Garrison and Myrtle Hardin, both of Conran.

Clarence Brown of Lilbourn and Ruby Johnson of Catron.

Miss Louise Purdy of Poplar Bluff was a visitor to Miss Denton during the holidays and attended the Christmas dance.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Prow entertained with a six o'clock dinner Wednesday complimentary to their daughter, Miss Mary Ethel, who is at home from Hollin's College. Covers were laid for Misses Francoise Black, Mary Blanton, Catherine Blanton, and Mary Ethel Prowe, Lewis Emory Baker, Paul Gilbert, Riley Brown of Charleston and Foster Bruton of Columbia.

TREASURES IN TOMB OF KING TUTANKHAMIN

New York, Dec. 26.—The Metropolitan Museuum of Art will receive ancient objects of intrest and great value, according to a special cable dispatch from London yestrday if the Earl of Carnarvon can obtain the consent of the Egyptian Government.

Lord Carnarvon's explorations recently tapped the tomb of King Tutankhamin in the "Valley of the Kings" or Royal Necropolis of the Theban Empire, disclosi of the greatest archaeological find of modern times. Although thousands of objects whose total value runs into millions have been found, the work is not yet complete. In a sealed chamber, yet untouchd, there are probably things beyond an archaeologist's dream.

Holding the keenest appreciation for the excavation work done by Harry Burton, a member of the staff of the Metropolitan Museum, Lord Carnarvon, the dispach said, is urging the Egyptian Government to show its recognition of the munificence displayed by the Metropolitan on behalf of Egyptian archaeology by giving the museum a substantial present.

The Museum at Cairo has first right to every object discovered by Lord Carnarvon and his staff of workers, buut it is said in London, there is no disposition on the part of the Egyptian authorities to forget American help in the work of exploration.

Among the most recent finds in this wonderful omb are two life-sized figures dressed in magnificent coats of mail. On examination the armor was found to be fashioned entirely of turquoises, beautiful beyond description, and worked with a skill and sense of art far beyond anything discovered in ancient Greece.

These figures are described as beign of fabulous archaeological interest value. It is believed Lord Carnarvon desires the Metropolitan Museum collection be enriched by a gift of one of them.

When Edward Robinson, director of the Metropolitan Museum, was asked yesterday about the possible gift, he said the report, although unofficial, was a gratifying surprise to him. He had no intimiation Lord Carnarvon was trying to obtain any of the King Tutankhamin relics for the Metropolitan. The museum had no title or right to any of them, he explaind; but, appreciating their rare value, would be more than delighted to receive any the Egyptian Government might generously give.

Lord Carnarvon's excavations were carried on through the active assistance of Howard Carter, American archaeologist, in a region long thought to have been exhausted of treasure. They went down to bed rock, moving 200,000 tons of rubbish, earth and stone, working directly in front of the important tomb of Ramses VI, long open to touriss. November 5 Mr. Carter reached a wall on which was faintly discernible the seal of the royal nercropolis. Behind it lay the treasure house.

The two auter chambers, each containing a multiciplicy of objects, had been robbed in ancient times, probably by natives, who carried away gold and silver. The thefts had been discovered and the chambers resealed. The objects left, some broken but many in perfect condition, littered the passageways and so filled the chambers that work of opening an inner chamber, thought to contain the sarcophagus of King Tutankhamin, could not be started.

Among the objects found in the outer chambers, besides the two coats of mail, were two life size statues of King Tutankhamin, one in perfect condition, and a marvel of workmanship; huge gilded coaches, beds, chariots, walking sticks, alabaster vases and a variety of boxes, some painted and others with every sort of costly inlay. One of the most valuable objects wsa a throne, its back panel portraying the King and Queen, the figures being worked in semi-precious carved stones inlaid in wood.

The chamber leading to the actual vault of the King was filled to a depth of five feet with furniture, statuettes boxes and every other conceivable object.

W. S. Way spent Xmas in Cape Girardeau with his sister and family, Judge and Mrs. Misfeldt.

Here's to the McCuthchen's of the picure show! May the New Year bring them increased patronage and they continue to give us the same high class entertainment they are now giving.

Henry Meldrum Post of the American Legion at a meeting Wednesday evening elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Commander, John Inman; Vice-Commander, Ray Hudson; Adjutant, John Humble; Finance Officer, Robley Lennox; Insurance Officer, G. W. Presnell; Historian, Green Lescher; Chaplain, Father Woods.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE

The Woman's Club of Sikeston and their husbands will, on Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock, at the Hotel Marshall, entertain the members of the Chamber of Commerce and their wives, and the Lions Club and their wives and the tachers of the Grade and High School.

Prof. Douglass, of the Southeast Missouri Teachers' College, will give a talk on "World Problems". Those who were fortunate enough to hear Prof. Douglass last year will be glad to hear of his return visit. There will also be several musical numbers and a very onjoyable evening is anticipated.

DR. WILBUR F. CRAFTS, NOTED PROHIBITION WORKER, DIES

Washington, Dec. 27.—Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts, for 28 years superintendent of the International Reform Bureau, which he founded, and widely known because of his activities on behalf of prohibition and similar movements, died at a hospital here today of pneumonia. He was 73 years old.

Dr. Crafts, charged by opponents of legislation he sponsored with being a "Reform fanatic", was for years a picturesque figure in congressional lobbies and committee rooms. By those in sympathy with his policies he was credited with having an influential part in enactment of prohibition, of laws to restrict the use of narcotics and of legislation of similar nature. Outspoken in his opposition to Sunday amusement, Dr. Crafts sought to have them banned by legislation.

After funeral services here tomorrow the body will be sent to Westerly, R. I., for burial.

Baptist Church

9:30—Sunday School classes for all ages and grades. J. C. Horne Supt.

11:00—Morning worship. Good singing. The pastor has a message on: "The Immortality of Our Influence" from the text "He being dead yet speaketh."

6:30—The B. Y. P. U. Meets for Bible Study and social worship. Mission study about China.

7:30—Evening worship. Good music led by the choir. The pastor will speak on "Opening the Windows of Heaven" or "Giving God a Chance in Your Life".

This is the last Sunday in the year. Come to the House of the Lord. We all need the spiritual uplift of the preached word and the fellowship of social worship. A cordial welcome awaits you at our church.

REV. S. P. BRITE, Pastor

Methodist Church

9:30.—Sunday School.

10:45.—Preaching: "A New Year Mssage".

2:00.—Junior League.

6:30.—Intermediate and Senior Leagues.

7:30.—Preaching. Subject: "Our Pattern".

We extend to all a cordial invitation to worship with us in these services. Start the New Year with a resolution to attend church regularly. We welcome you.

THOS. B. MATHER, Pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Buchanan visited Mr. and Mrs. Hufstedler at Cape Girardeau this week.

Miss Gretchen Dunaway, teacher at Harrisburg, Ill., and who is spending the holidays with her parents at Morehouse, was a Sikeston visitor Thursday.

Audrey Myers, son of Irvin Myers living near Blodgett, received the Ford touring car given away by the Farmers Supply Company last Saturday afternoon. Much interest was manifested in this gift and the Farmers Supply Co., the Stubbs Clothing Co., Eagle Drug Store, Dudley's Place and Walpole's Meat Market, gave away thousands of tickets.

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Give Quick Relief

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Clay of Mexico, Mo., is spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Stallcup and Mr and Mrs. E. A. Lawrence

Southeast Missouri will remember the year of 1922 as one of the most disastrous ever experienced in any agricultural community. Hard times with the merchant and business man from the highest to the lowest. It is hoped the year 1923 will bring relief all along the line.

Mrs. Ed Crowe and son Henry, of Dexter, were guests of relatives in Sikeston this week.

The house on Williams street occupied by W. P. Wilkinson and owned by Jack Shelton, sent in alarm Wednesday night shortly after 8:00 o'clock that called on the fire department. It was the flue burning out and no particular damage was done.

Sikeston Standard $1.50 per year.

Fred A. Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Young, who has been attending the Gem City Business College at Quincy, Ill., is at home for the holidays.

Sikeston De Molay Chapter will give a New Year's dance at the City Hall Monday evening. Music from Cairo, and the price will be $2.50 per couple. The public is invited.

At this season our thoughts go out in gratitude to our friends who have made our past year's business successful. May the coming year bring you Happiness and Prosperity.

Sikeston Cleaning and Tailoring Co.
ELMER MATTHEWS

At this season we like to feel that in a broad sense our patrons are our partners. That our success is but a reflection of yours. And so on the eve of a New Year we thank you and sincerely hope the coming months will bring you greater happiness and prosperity than ever before.

MALONE THEATRE

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. McCutchin
Randol Wilson, House Manager
Sylvia Arbaugh, Cashier
Marion "Shorty" Hardy, Operator
Mrs. Ernest Swanner, Pianist
Leland Payne, Drummer

MALONE THEATRE
Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 1 and 2

She's Irresistible!

You'll see a new and greater Gloria Swanson in this picture. Gloria as a gay divorcee, tarnished by the tongues of scandal shocking the gilded Monte Carlo throngs with her daring—and breaking her heart in silence.

Gloria wearing wonderful new gowns, which she went to Paris to get especially for this picture. Gloria flirting on the beach at Deauville, French society's famous playground, amid a hundred one-piece bathing beauties.

A dazzling fashion show and a mighty heart-drama! With Conrad Nagel, June Elvirdge and Robert Cain in the supporting cast.

Gloria Swanson in
"The Impossible Mrs. Bellew"

A Sam Wood Production
From the novel by David Lisle
Scenario by Percy Heath

ALSO SNUB POLLARD COMEDY
"Bride-to-Be"
AND NEWS
Matinee Monday Afternoon at 2:30
Admission 20c and 40c

Appreciating our pleasant business relations during the past we wish you the compliments of the Season and trust that the coming New Year will bring the best you have ever known in Happiness and Prosperity.

Sikeston Concrete Tile and Construction Company

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS FROM MATTHEWS

George Clifford of Chicago is the guest of Miss Addie James this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Butt and children spent Monday in Sikeston with relatives.

Mrs. Cecila Davis of Ohio is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Prouty this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Emory and children spent Xmas in East Prairie with relatives.

Mrs. Albert Deane and little daughter and Mrs. Loy Roberts were Sikeston visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Kerr of New Madrid attended the Xmas entainment here Monday evening.

Misses Ella and Della Harper of Sikeston are the guests of their cousin, Miss Dorothy Waters this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Swartz and Mr. and Mrs. George Steele attended the Christmas dance in Sikeston Monday evening.

A large number of people from Canalou, New Madrid and Kewanee attended the entertainment here Monday evening.

Luther Dockins returned to his home in Cape Girardeau Tuesday after spending Xmas with his aunt Mrs. L. Deane.

Mr. and Mrs. George Reed and daughter and son, Flossie and Clifford, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. M. H Sutton and chidren were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Warren's Wednesday.

Clarence Morgan returned to his home in Mimmons, Arkansas Monday after a few days visit with his aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. Dave Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. Newell Arnold and little daughter Madge of Cape Girardeau and Mrs. Fred French of Chaffee spent Xmas with Mr. and Mrs. Luke French.

Several of our citizens motored to New Madrid Wednesday to attend the trial of Dick Carr, who shot and killed Roy Woodard at Hough December 17. The trial was put off until January 2nd.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Clarke died at the home of Mrs. Clarke's mother Mrs. Arthur Yates, two miles west of Matthews Tuesday. Rev. Tom Mills conducted the funeral services at the Mehodist church Wednesday afternoon, after which the remains were laid to rest in the Matthews cemetery.

The Xmas Cartata and tree Monday evening was voted by all a grand success. Much praise is due the ladies who had given their untiring efforts in training the children so wonderfully. Also the men who had such a wonderful tree and did all they could to help in every respect. The ladies in charge of the program were Mesdames Leon Swartz Oscar Carrol Frank. Rateliff and W. H Deane, The gentlemen who provided the nice tree were Frank Rateliff, Leon Swartz G. F. Deane and B. F. Swartz. There was the largest crowd that had ever assembled at Matthews before an entertainment and the order was simply splendid. There were treats on the tree for every child.

Woolard Baker returned to Memphis Wednesday, accompanied by his grandmother, Mrs. H. W. Baker, Sr. Mrs. Baker expects to be gone two months.

New Year's Greetings

Our business relations have been most pleasant and we take advantage of the present season to send you best wishes for the New Year.

Elite Hat Shop

This is just a little greeting but it carries hearty

GOOD WISHES

for your health and happiness during the

NEW YEAR

GEORGE ARNOLD, Treasurer of Scott County

MALONE THEATRE

WEEK OF JANUARY 1st

Nights 7:15 O'clock

Monday and Tuesday, January 1 and 2

Gloria Swanson and Conrad Nagel

IN

"Impossible Mrs. Billew"

Also Snub Comedy "Bride-to-be" and News

20c and 40c

Gloria Swanson and Mickey Moore in a Scene from the Paramount Picture "The Impossible Mrs. Bellew"

Wednesday, January 3

John Gilbert in

"Arabian Love"

Also News. 10c and 20c

Thursday, January 4

Miss Dupont in

"Rage of Paris"

Also Movie Chat

10c and 20c

Friday, January 5

SPECIAL FEATURE

Wallace Reid and Lila Lee in

"The Dictator"

By Richard Harding Davis

Supported by Theodore Kosloff

Also a St. John Comedy, "Straight from Farm"

And Aesops Fables 10c and 30c

Saturday, January 6

Frank Mayo in

"Doctor Jim"

Also Ruth Roland in

"The Timber Queen", Episode 4

Matinee 2:30, Night 7:15 10c and 20c

Coming: "The Pride of Palomar"

Peter B. Kyne Story

The Joy We Wish for You

We wish for you that the highways of your lifeway may be resplendent with the blossoms of tender service, may you give and receive friendship; give love, faith and confidence and receive the full measure of reward; may you and your loved ones enjoy the Christmas season and may the New Year unfold to you a great measure of true happiness and prosperity lasting nature.

ELI ABLES

The Message of the Bells

RING, ring, O bells of Christmas-tide,
Your joyful message far and wide
Through all the land proclaim
This is the blessed Day of days
When here, to walk earth's troubled ways,
The Lord our Savior came!

O not with pomp and splendor fine,
But 'mongst the lowly sheep and kine,
And cradled in the straw,
He came, and low the path He trod
Always—the greatest gift from God
An erring world e'er saw.

As in the dawning eastern skies
The Wise Men watched the Star arise
That heralded His birth,
Thus we await God's Kingdom come,
When man and all God's creatures dumb
Shall dwell upon this earth

In brotherhood; when war shall cease
And Love and Universal Peace—
Their banners white unfurled—
With tenderness and gentle sway,
Their watchword "Mercy," shall for aye
Prevail throughout the world!

Fling out your message, O ye bells,
Your cadence silvery foretells
The gracious times to be
When sweet Compassion, angel fair,
O'er this our land and everywhere
Shall brood perpetually!

—Lovelia C. Pooh.

THE CHILDLESS ONES

IT IS at Christmas time we feel it most,
When in the close packed stores
The mothers, anxious-eyed, maybe of slender purse,
Weigh this doll's hat against that box of ducks,
Or choose a string of gorgeous, glittering balls
To grace the Christmas tree.
We press along the crowded aisles and eye
The endless toys, the fascinating tiny sets
Of tea things, the dolls' trunks, the furniture,
Sometimes we even buy; why should we not pretend,
Just for a little while, that there's someone at home
Belonging to us—of our very own—
Whose stockings must be filled?
'Tis like enough we have worked hard to aid
With many little gifts the lucky ones
Whose quivers are too full;
But in the glowing avenue's late afternoon,
When swarms flit past us of those busy folk
Whose arms are piled with sleds and drums and such,
Whose pockets bulge with candy,
And we walk on toward home with empty hands
Because we need buy nothing, nothing, nothing—
It is at Christmas we feel it most!

—Ethel Wolff, in New York Times.

Christmas 1922

By Christopher G. Hazard

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UPON deserted battlefields
Where shot and shell all buried lie,
Where war no more its weapons wields
And men no longer meet to die;

On lonely seas where battleships
Were wont to wander to and fro,
To darken day with sad eclipse
And turn an ocean's tears to woe;

The Christmas angels from the sky
Look down with joy at last to see
The answer to their ancient cry,
The echo of their minstrelsy.

For men and nations meet to pray,
They talk of peace, nor that alone,
They put the tools of war away
And set good will upon a throne!

"MR. BOB"

By GEORGIA F. HARRIS

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Little Bobbie's eyes were popping with excitement as he burst into the living room, where his mother sat reading the evening paper.

"See, mother," he cried, breathlessly, as he pulled a large, brown envelope from his blouse, "I met a man down the road, and he told me to give you this for your business."

As Mrs. Merwin tore open the envelope, she gave a quick start of surprise. A large roll of bills lay before her!

"Why, Bobbie, boy!" she exclaimed, her pretty face showing her bewilderment, "tell mother everything that happened."

Bobbie had now regained his breath. "I was pickin' daisies over in Jenkins' field, and when I was comin' home, I met Mr. Bob."

Mrs. Merwin was silent for a few moments. "Did he ask you about your father?" she finally asked.

"Yep, and I told him my dad ain't been 'round here for ever so long—"

"What did he say when he gave you the money?" interrupted Mrs. Merwin, as she nervously fingered the large roll of bills.

"He just told me to give it to you for your business, then—" Bobbie hesitated, as if preparing for a confession—"he kissed me—just like I was a girl—and told me to bring the envelope right home to you."

Letty Merwin took the money from the drawer. She stared at the large roll of bills, as if searching for an answer to the burning questions in her brain.

Why had Bob Merwin, for surely it was he, sent her this money? Memories of her father's anger when he had driven Robert from the house, of her remorse because she had told her father of the quarrel with Robert, and of Robert's wrath as he swore never to look again at the wife who was ruled by an unreasonable father, loomed up with startling clearness, as she meditated.

Suddenly, with an apprehensive shiver, she snatched up the evening paper and searched for a little item which, earlier in the evening, had received but a glance. Yes, there it was—"Whiteton general store robbed of $1,000. Robert Smith, a clerk in the store, very cleverly made away with $1,000—"

A strange, stern look crept into Letty Merwin's eyes. When last she had heard of Robert he had been working in Whiteton. Before she could put the money into the drawer the door opened and a man stepped into the room.

"Robert Merwin!" burst from Letty's trembling lips.

"I couldn't go away, Letty," murmured the man brokenly. "I tried to, but, somehow, I couldn't. I don't expect your forgiveness," he went on, as she didn't speak, "and I know I shouldn't come; but I met little Bobbie and—" He stopped, for his wife had hastily picked up the money and was silently offering it to him.

"I was afraid you'd feel that way—yet I hoped—"

"You thought I'd take this money?" said Letty.

"I hoped, that is, until—" he paused, for Letty was holding before him the newspaper and was pointing to the robbery item with an accusing finger. "Does that mean anything to you?" she asked quietly—too quietly.

The man read the item without betraying the slightest emotion. "I guess I deserve that—perhaps more," he replied in a low voice. He took a bank book out of his pocket and opened it to a page which showed that $1,000 had been withdrawn a few days before. The book also showed regular weekly deposits for over two years. He then took a bunch of pay envelopes from another pocket.

"I guess these will tell the story," he said slowly, "because the envelopes check up with the bank book deposits."

An ashamed blush reddened Letty's cheeks as she read "Ridgeton National Bank" on the book and noticed a single dollar in the balance column.

"Why didn't you come to me yourself?" she faltered, after an awkward pause.

"I had been looking forward to it for weeks, just waiting for my money to reach the thousand mark. I was nearly home when I met Bobbie and learned from him how things are. Funny—the prattling of a little youngster can really mean a great deal sometimes."

"What did Bobby tell you?" Letty's voice had a suspicious tremor in it.

"He just repeated the gossip that is probably around the village. Evidently he heard some of them say that his dad, who had been away for a long time, would be 'sneaking back,' now that his mother was successful in business." The man turned toward the door.

"The old gossips," cried Letty indignantly. "I didn't know—Bobbie didn't tell me all. They don't know or understand—"

"Understand what?" The man caught his breath sharply.

"Understand that I've always been waiting for you to come back to Bobbie—and me," answered Letty softly. "Can you forgive me?" She pointed to the newspaper item.

"Forgive?" he repeated, a happy light breaking over his tired face. . . .

Together they stole into the room beyond, where Bobbie, with one chubby hand tucked under his chin, lay dreaming.

His Real Name

YOUNG January being poor wears nothing but his skin.
While February in a robe of ermine here comes in.
March shivers in a worn brown cloak, and April, frail and fair,
Is folded in a rainbow scarf with raindrops in her hair.
May dons the apple blossom's pink and June the rose's red.
July in faded overalls picks cherries for his bread.
And August treads the sunny fields a stately Indian queen
Apparelled like standing corn in silken gold and green.
September, purple colatured, bears a basket piled with grapes,
Dark amethystine globes from which a juicy dew escapes.
October is a cavalier, so flaunts a crimson plume.
November, telling beads of rain, is cowled in fog and gloom.
But when December comes, behold! he's whiskered, booted, furred,
His ringing laughter like the sound of merry bells is heard.
His arms are filled with many gifts and holly wreaths because
The little children know him first and named him Santa Claus.

—Minna Irving.

Christmas Land

OH, Christmas Land is not so far,
It's just across the hall
Within the little living room
Where holly decks the wall.
Right in the middle stands a tree
With crimson tinsel gay,
And strange and wondrous is the fruit
It bears on Christmas day.

An apple and an orange grove
Upon the same green bough,
A wagon and a rocking horse,
A sled and spotted cow;
And nuts and sparkling sugar plums,
And drums and skates and horns,
And dolls with flaxen tresses drop
Like pears on windy morns.

But only little boys and girls
That always mind at school
And know their daily lessons well,
And try to keep each rule,
And say their prayers every night,
Can hope to join the band
Of happy children 'round the tree
That grows in Christmas Land.

—Minna Irving, in Kansas City Star.

The Nativity

'TWAS Christmas Eve, and bitter cold,
The wind had ceased to blow;
I saw a cottage by the road
Half buried in the snow.
An upper window showed a light,
And over field and fen,
A joyous peal of bells announced
The birth of Christ again.

Lo, from the lighted window came
A new-born baby's cry,
And o'er the cottage roof, behold,
A star shone in the sky—
Perhaps the very same that stood
O'er Bethlehem of yore,
For Christ in every little child
Is born on earth once more.

—Minna Irving, in Munsey's Magazine.

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Mr. Automobile Owner:

The money you have spent in our business has been appreciated here more than you imagine.

Our business would be nothing without the good will of you people who buy from us. We want to thank you for the patronage you gave us this year. And if at any time during the past year any transaction occurred that was not entirely satisfactory we want you to come and tell us so. We want to adjust anything that you feel should be adjusted. Give us a chance to square up everything for 1922 and start 1923 with a clean slate.

Our plans are for better service and better goods and better values during the coming year. You will find it profitable to visit our store often.

So, we thank you particularly for your business and friendship in the past and we wish you for 1923 a mighty HAPPY and PROSPEROUS time.

Let's all pull together and make Southeast Missouri a better place to live and a better place to do business.

Cordially Yours,

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Christmas 1922
New Year 1923

We desire to extend to you the compliments of the season and express our sincere wishes for your happiness at this Christmas time and prosperity the Coming Year with continuance of the cordial relations existing between us.

M. L. WEISS
THE SIKESTON TAILOR

WOMAN PROMOTER WHO GOT $200,000 IS SENTENCED

Pomeroy, O., Dec. 20.—Mrs. Susan Kraus, who was charged with having obtained more than $200,000 from residents of Pomeroy by questionable financial methods, was sentenced to from one to 20 years in the Marysville Reformatory for Women by by Judge A. P. Miller today.

"It might have been worse" the combrely dressed, 60-year-old woman said to her husband, George Kraus, who was waiting for her in the corridor of the jail.

"Goodby", she called to newspaper men.

The woman was charged with embezzlement.

War-Time Prejudice

State Governors should make haste to follow the example of the chief executive of Illinois and free the unfortunate victims of their vicious anti-sedition legislation. Nor is this enough. As the New York World argues, veery one of these laws (three-fifths of the states have such acts, almost all passed after the war) should be repealed. Better still, perhaps, would be to have them judicially declared unconstitutional, which in fact they undoubtedly are. This is not impossible, as the United States Supreme Court has granted a writ of error in the case of Benjamin Gitlow, convicted under the New York act. It is time to bury forever the absurd attempt to punish a man not for what he does but for what he thinks—what some bigoted zealot thinks he thinks. Or, on the other hand, the cancelling of one of Madame Gadski's concerts and the efforts to prevent Commander von Muecke's lectures are discouraging. Von Muecke is one of the most gallant sailors who ever lived; his marvelous exploits took place long before the United States entered the war and were beyond criticism of illegality. He has, it is reported, been cordially received in England, where they know how to honor a worthy foe and recognize that if he had been in the allied service he would stand out as a chief naval hero of the war.—the Nation.

In Lapland the women have from time immemorial stood on an equal footing with the men of the community. The sexes have equal civil and moral rights and equally severe labor as the daily round.

It is recorded that in the desert of Arabia north of Hail, in the foothills of the Skammar Mountains in February, the thermometer fell 78 degrees a little before sunset, to 18 degrees a quarter of an hour after sunset. Variations of from 30 to 40 degrees in an hour are not unusual.

AGRICULTURAL PAPER MADE ELIGIBLE FOR REDISCOUNT

Washington, Dec. 20.—Bankers' acceptances of six months' maturity, drawn by growers of staple agricultural products or co-operative marketing associations, are eligible for purchase or rediscount by the Federal Reserve banks, under a ruling promulgated today by the Federal Reserve Board as a step in the direction of longer term credits for agriculture.

Officials declared the decision, which makes the agricultural paper eligible for rediscount for six months instead of three, "should be of material assistance to co-operative marketing associations in financing the orderly marketing of crops"

A "Scab's" Rights.

Men who escaped from the Herrin massacre have been telling the story of their experience. It is a story of treachery and cold-blooded atrocity. It is a story of first hand knowledge and there is no cross-examination by counsel for the defense. At the close one of the latter asks one question: "You were one of the guards sent down by the Hargraves agency?" Witness: "Yes". Attorney for defense: "That is all". The theory of defense is "justifiable homicide". The story of atrocity is not shaken. It cannot be shaken. Counsel for the defense merely establishes that the witness and victim was a "scab". "That is all". Is that all? That is a question not only for the jury at Marion but for responsible unionism and for self-respecting citizenship. Is it justifiable homicide to torture and slaughter men because they are on the other side of an industrial and economic controversy? Is unionism to be granted the right to pass beyond the laws of civilized society, even of civilized warfare, to punish anyone who interferes with its purpose? Has a "scab" rights? Or may any union man kill one at will? The men butchered at Herrin surrendered on promise of safey. The promise was broken and they were murdered. They were nonunion men. They were strikebreakers. They were "scabs", and they were murdered. Is that all?—Chicago Tribune.

Mrs. Li, wife of the President of China, demands an allowance of $50,000 a year for the purchase of perfumes.

LOCAL AND PERSONALS FROM NEW MADRID

Atty. James A. Finch attended Court in Benton last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Lane of Lilbour were shopping in New Madrid last Friday.

Moore Griffin of Farmington is the guest of his aunt, Mrs. John E. Hart and family.

Mrs. Lucy Pharris of Cairo was a week-end visitor of relatives at Kewanee and New Madrid.

E. L. Griffin and E. L. Crumpecker of Morehouse were business visitors in New Madrid Friday.

O. T. McGee of Toronto, Can., was at the Court House last week looking after land interests.

Lee Willett and Ralph Berryman of Caruthersville visited relatives in New Madrid Christmas Day.

J. N. Friant and son Julian, of Cape Girardeau were transacting business in our city last week.

C. V. Hansen and son, C. V., Jr, were warmly greeted by their many friends in New Madrid Tuesday.

Joe Shaw, a student of Hendrix College, Conway, Ark., is the guest of his brother, Supt. A. M. Shaw, Jr.

C. R. Jackson, Sam Pendergrass and A. J. Riker of East Prairie were business visitors in New Madrid Friday.

Miss Genevieve Bazan, County Health Nurse, left Saturday to spend the holidays with her parents at Moberly, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Bassmussen of Chicago are guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Royer of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Christy Broughton and little son, C. M. Jr., of Cairo are guess of relatives in New Madrid and Marston.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S Korn and Miss Ada Latham left Wednesday to visit Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Alexander at Pine Bluff, Ark.

Mrs. A. P. Callahn and little daugher, of Legonier, La., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Pikey of the Portageville neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Nunn and little son Bobby of Cape Girardeau are holiday guests of Mrs. Nunn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Loud.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed A. Wright and daughter, Miss "Tod", of Portageville attended services at the Presbyterian church and visited friends.

Miss Letitia Lewis and niece, Miss Hattie Lewis and Mrs. Mary Ann Johnson are spending the winter at Caruthersville with Mrs. A. C. La Forge.

Mrs. Lee Pierce and two sons of Hulbert, Ark., arrived Saturday of last week to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Knott.

Miss Esther Knott, who is teaching in the Public School at Gideon, arrived the latter part of last week on a visit to her parents, Mr and Mrs. George Knott.

Jesse Kimball is spending the holidays with his daughter, Mrs. James Wood and family of Morrillton, Ark., and son, R D. Kimball and family of Hot Springs Ark.

The White Christmas Pageant at the Methodist Church, under the direction of Mrs. John E. Riley, was very beautifully rendered Christmas Eve, the church being appropriately decorated for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hummel and Mrs. Floyd Hummel has as their Christmas guests, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Vernon and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hummel and little daughter, Frances Ellen of Charleston; Mrs. Mattie Waters and daughter, Miss Ora V., of Cape Girardeau, Joe Hunter Allen of St. Joseph and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hummel of this city.

The two story residence of Lee Crisler, known as the W. L. Stacy home on Mitchell Ave, was completely destroyed by fire Christmas Day about 6 p. m. The blaze, supposed to have been caused by a defective flue, originated in the loft, and was under great headway, when discovered by Mr. Crisler, who was at the home of a nearby neighbor. A great deal of clothing and furniture on the first floor was saved. An insurance of $3,000 was carried on the furniture and building. Mr. Crisler has rented the home of Mrs. Cordelia Richards.

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LEFT WIFE NO 2 TO SPEND HOLIDAYS WITH NO. 1

West Plains, Mo., Dec. 26.—Will J. Ward, a commercial traveler, of West Plains, is being held on a charge of bigamy, information having been filed here by S. P. Bradley, an instructor in the School of Mines at Rolla, Mo., who says that Ward, who has a wife and four children in West Plains, married his daughter, Mrs. C. E. Munson, two months ago in Kentucky. They have been residing in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Ward came to West Plains Saturday to spend the holidays with wife No. 1 and their children, it is alleged. Wife No. 2 became suspicious when Ward sent her to her father's home in Rolla while he came to West Plains. Her father came here Sunday night to investigate and Ward's arrest followed.

Turkey's New Capital

Angora, a dingy and dilapidate Anatolian city of about 20,000 inhabitants, is to remain the capital of Nationalist Turkey. Constantinople, with nearly a million and a half, a city of glorious traditions and of many present splendors, must be content with a position of secondary importance. It will remain the spiritual capital of Islam, the residence of a khalif shorn of all temporal authority. But the Government of Turkey will be permanently established in the dirty little city of the remote hinterland. There are several reasons for the change. In the first place Angora is altogeth Terurkish, while Constantinople, the great city on the straits, must always remain cosmopolitan and polyglot. An even stronger consideration is the vulnerability of Constantinople to military and naval attack. At Angora the Government will be far beyond the range of the biggest naval guns, while without an army of impressive strength no nation will ever again venture a campaign in Anatolia. With the nationalists fully recognized as rulers of Turkey and with the Government definitely set up at Angora there will be no clamor at European capitals or at Washington for diplomatic appointments to Turkey.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Constitutional Amendments

"We are a nation of gum chewers", says Secretary Weeks; "in a year we spend three times as much for chewing gum and candy as we spend for military reparation". Mr. Weeks is correcet in this indictment; the statistics bear him out. But he shirked his duty as a citizen and a statesman by failing to propose a remedy for the appalling condition of affairs to which he calls attention. If, after all that has been said concerning the indelicacy of chewing gum in public and the havoc wrought to the teeth of the younger generation by indulgence in sweets, we persist as a nation in wasting our substance on these deleterious luxuries, there is but one way, as Mr. Weeks is well aware, to effect a reform. There must be an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the manufacture and sale of candy or chewing gum, rigidly enforced throughout the United States and on all vessels touching our shores.—New York World.

Ellen Terry, the English actress, has a hobby of collection eyeglasses worn by celebrities.

In Soviet Russia women work alongside the men in the railway repair gangs and are paid the same wages as the men workers.

Japanese water bags of rice paper are more durable than similar ones of rubber. Resin is used between the layrs of paper which is soft and flexible. The outside is covered with lacquer.

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GREETINGS

We wish to thank our many friends for the nice business and courtesy to us during the holidays. We extend to all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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NEWS LETTER FROM CHAFFEE

Mrs. Bert Barnes motored to Cape Girardeau Friday afternoon.

Dressed turkeys have declined from 45 cents a pound to 25 cents.

Dr. H. L. Cordrey has purchased a Ford coupe for Mrs. Cordrey.

E. C. Heard, wife and infant son spent Xmas in Oran with relatives.

The weather is moderating and Sunday preceding Xmas was an ideal spring day.

Many farmers killed hogs the past week, while favorable weather conditions prevailed.

Taxes, both real and personal are due the 31st and delinquent fines will be assessed thereafter.

Dr and Mrs. G. A. Sample and family left Sunday to spend Xmas with relatives at Bloomfield.

The highways are in remarkable condition for mid-winter. This is probably due to the dry autumn and winter to date.

Eggiman Mercantile Company have a different Ford truck, with pneumatic tires, supplanting the one with solid rear tires.

Frank C. Bertrand, who is a member of the American Legion, has an agency contract to represent the Franklin Insurance Company, an old line life insurance company.

Bert Cheatham arrived at Chaffee Saturday and will spend the holidays with his parents. He is a student at Washington U in St. Louis. He is an able baseball player and has featured on the Chaffee team the past two seasons.

The Parochial School had Xmas exercises Friday morning, together with a nice Xmas tree. Clarence Heard was selected to be Santa Claus, and although he had not been such a benefactor, he filled the office without inconvenience to himself.

A very enjoyable Xmas tree was given at the Methodist Church Saturday night and Dr. W. A. Walling imparted cheere to the children in the role of Santa Claus. The evening was profitably spent by everyone and the exercises lasted until 9:15 p. m.

Miss Irene Marti is England's first woman surveyor, she having just passed the final examination of the College of Estate Management.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Xmas was pleasantly spent in this vicinity.

Mrs. John Rice spent Xmas with her parents.

W. H. Grissom of East Prarie visited his sister, Mrs. J. W. Emory, Friday.

Mrs. Mary Steele spent Xmas with her daughter, Mrs. Caleb Matthews at Oran.

Carl Hulty is spending the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Hulty.

W. A. Singleton came down from Chaffee Saturday and spent the day with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Lumit spent Sunday in Portageville the guests of the former's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Steele and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Swartz motored to Cairo, Thursday.

Prof. Charles Granger left Saturday for his home in Jackson to spend the holidays with his parents.

Mrs. J. W. Emory attended the District Assembly of the Rebekahs at Sikeston Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Florence Woodard visited her father and brother, J. A. Alsop and Royal Alsop, Saturday and Sunday.

Tom and Charley Burch of Chicago arrived Saturday to spend the Xmas holidays with their mother, Mrs. Tenry Burch.

Mr. and Mrs. Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Waters and children, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Critchlow were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Critchlow Sunday.

The Xmas sales here in Matthews was immense. J. W. Emory said Saturday night that on registering up he had sold $5000 worth of Xmas goods and the other stores have been busy. Then talk about hard times. When you ask someone to subscribe for a good paper that gives htem all the news of both counties, they tell you they think it is a fine paper, but "ain't" just able to pay $1.50 a year for it.

Mrs. Joe Brasher and her sister, Mrs. Clayton Hinkle, were here last Saturday visiting and shopping. Mrs. Hinkle, whose home is at Sikeston, is visiting in her sister's home.—Caruthersville Democrat.

STRANGE MONSTER OF SEA CAST UP ON CHILEAN BEACH

Lima, Peru, Dec. 21.—The tidal waves which recently devastated parts of the coast of Chile cast upon the beach at the same time a strange creature of the dep whose like has not been seen in these waters in many years. It would appear to be a cross between a whale and a turtle.

Fishermen at Lurin, 25 miles from Lima, reported a huge cetacean floundering in the shallow waters of the bay. Then they sent out word it was an unknown monster of the sea, and that they had killed it.

The director of the Natural History Museum of the University of San Marcos and the official taxidermist went to Lurin to classify the strange visitor. They found an animal with the body of a whale, but with a head and extremities resembling those of a turtle. They decided it belonged to the family of "Balaendidae" cetaceans, inhabiting South Pacific waters. It is supposed that it was carried along by the Humboldt current and thrown up on the beach by the tremendous surfs following the tidal waves.

Charges Against Cashier And Head of Insolvent Bank

Poplar Bluff, Mo., December 27.—Thomas W. Doherty, president of the Farmers' Savings Bank here ,and L. W. Chapman, cashier, are charged with accepting deposits in an incolvent instiution, in six prosecutions instituted in Justice of the Peace Courts today by Prosecuting Attorney Kinder. The bank was closed by State Bank Examiners December 16.

Roy Nieman, State Bank Examiner in charge of the institution, gave out a statement saying that discrepancies have been discovered in the cash accounts and real estate accounts of the bank.

Representatives of bonding companies which furnished bond for Doherty and Chapman are here. The prosecutions instituted today charge that deposits aggregating $1353 made by six persons the day before the bank was closed, were illegally accepted by the officers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Dover of St. Louis are spending the week with the parents of Jerome, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dover.

FORD EXPANSION PLAN BEGINS WITH $6,000,000 PLANT

Detroit, Dec. 22.—Henry Ford's decision to construct a $6,000,000 plant near Chicago for the building of automobile bodies and assembling of automobiles is only a step in a gigantice program on the part of the Ford Motor Co. "that will rank as one of the greatest industrial developments the world ever has seen", it was stated at the Ford company offices here today by persons in authority.

"As long as Mr. Ford lives", it was said, "this expansion program is to go on. The fundamental idea back of the whole scheme is to create more jobs. As long as there is a possibility of putting more men at work the Ford policy will be to build more plants".

It was pointed out that other development projects had been undertaken recently by the Ford company, including the start of a great industrial plant at New Orleans, a contemplated unit at St. Louis and water power development at St. Paul.

Ford has no idea of withdrawing from Detroit, it was made clear. His interests in this city are to be the hub of a great wheel of industry that he hopes eventually will cover many cities in the country.

In this connection it was recalled that a statement was made at the Ford offices some time ago to the effect that a corps of engineers in the employ of the Ford concern was on the lookout constantly for sites that might be adapted to the company's needs.

Asked how far the Ford development program might go, persons in authority at the company offices replied:

"Mr. Ford himself does not know. He does feel, however, that as fast as he makes money he is morally bound to put that money back into business to provide more families with incomes and to enhance the prosperity of the entire country. The Ford development will go on just as long as business conditions make it possible".

The Chicago project, as announced last night, includes the erection on a 70-acre tract at Hegewisch, near Chciago, of a four-unit plan, each unit of which will cost $1,500,000. Sixteen thousand men will be employed at the start. The first unit is to be in operation by next May, according to Chicago advices, confirmed today at the Ford offices here.

Protests Against Arbuckle's Reinstatement Multiplying

Los Angeles, Cal., December 22.—Protests over the prospective reappearance in motion pictures of Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle multiplied here today, as they did throughout the country. Clergymen demonstrated their opposition in several ways and the comedian's friends rallied to his defense. Joseph M. Shenck, producer, who said he would re-employ Arbuckle, declared "it is not Christian-like in these ministers to condemn Arbuckle before he has been heard".

The session of the West Lake Presbyterian Church, where Will H. Hays spoke Sunday night, sent a telegram to Hays, reading: Your statements from West Lake pulpit, relative to your intentions as motion picture director, impressed the session and membership with your sincerity and honesty of purpose. You made positive and unequivocal promises. Indeed, your own words were "That you had full authority and would have no alibi to offer". We, as a session, honored and respected you as a fellow elder. Your action in reinstating Arbuckle is in absolute variance with your promises from our pulpit. Will you not rescind the Arbuckle order? Your failure to do so will mean forfeiture of the respect and confidence of our people and, we, believe, the forfeiture of hte confidence and respect of all God-fearing, decent men and women. We pray God that you may carefully reconsider the Arbuckle order".

Mrs. Joe Stubbs entertained the Bridge Club and several other friends on Saturday evening.

On last Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Joe Matthews entertained with a six o'clock dinner complimentary to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Chaney of Boulder, Colo.

In Denmark it is a custom for engaged girls to wear a plain gold ring on the third finger of the left hand, and when they get married the ring is moved ot the third finger of the right hand.

Christmas Day was a very happy day for the Carter family on Prosperity street as the following children with their family were at home: W. G. Carter of Viana, Ill.; L. D. Randol and family, Guy Carter and family, Frank Carter and family, all of Sikeston; Mr. and Mrs. Rex Cook and family of Carbondale, Ill.

We take this opportunity of expressing to you our deep appreciation of the cordial relationship which has existed between us in the past. May it continue indefinitely. Accept our greetings and warmest regards.

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On the threshold of the New Year we pause to wish you a Happy and Prosperous one, to thank you for past patronage and to express our determination to serve you even better during the coming year.

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"The Crimson Challenge"

A picture story of surpassing dramatic interest which will appeal to all picture fans who saw "The Flame of Yukon" several years ago, is Dorothy Dalton's latest Paramount starring vehicle, "The Crimson Challenge", whcih will be the feature at the Malone Theatre Saturday.

In Lost Valley, which is dominated by Buck Courtrey, a cattle rustler and an all round scoundrel, Tharon Last, daughter of a rancher, is the beloved of all. Buck covets her and one day, in a quarrel, slays her father. Tharon swears vengeance and developing into a "two-gun" woman, she finally gets Buck and while she slays him, she is in no sense a murderess. In the development of this dramatic story, a love interest in which Tharon and Billy, a cowpuncher, are the central characters, is finely brought into play.

The picture is filled with thrills and they are of that gripping quality which holds the spectator in suspense from start to finish. Frank Campeau, one of the best known heavies of the screen, has the role of Buck and he vests it with great force and realism. Jack Mower has the role of Billy, and as leading man, he does excellent work. The cast includes Will R. Walling, Clarence Burton, George Field, Irene Hunt and Fred Huntly. In addition, there is Mrs. Dark Cloud, an Indian character actress well known to screen fans. Paul Powell directed. The picture is based on Vingie E. Roe's successful novel, "Tharon of Lost Valley".

Among the many Sikestonians who attended the dance at the Country Club at Cape Girardeau on Thursday evening were: Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Matthews, Jr., Miss Virginia and Buddie Matthews, Mr. and Mrs Ned Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Matthews, Mr. and Mrs Ben Chaney of Boulder, Colo. and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sikes.

Road Building on a Big Scale

In the fiscal year 1922 there were completed in the United States 10,000 miles of highways built with federal aid, and more than that mileage in the construction of which the government gave no assistance. These figures, prepared by the Bureau of Public Roads of the United States Department of Agriculture, together with the program for future construction, give ground for the hope that in a few years the United States will have an adequate system of modern highways.

The work completed between July, 1921, and June, 1922, inclusive was sufficient in mileage to provide a highway twice around the borders of the country, with something to spare. The total length of the highways built in that period nearly equals the circumference of the earth at the equator.

Most of the roads built in the fiscal year were finished before the new federal aid act became effective, on November 9, 1921. Few projects were in preparation by the states as the old ones approached completion. The act, however, gave a great impetus to plans for state construction, and by June, 1922, projects embracing nearly 40,000 miles were called for. There are at present under construction 14,500 miles of highways that are estimated as 56 per cent complete.

Nothing is closer to the foundations of a civilized state than are roads. Find a backward section of the world, one where education and the standards of living are on a low level, bad roads worthy of the name will mark it.—New York Herald.

Woolard Baker returned to Memphis Wednesday, accompanied by his grandmother, Mrs. H. W. Baker, Sr. Mrs. Baker expects to be gone two months.

Miss Virgina Matthews was the guest of Mrs. Paul Hardy Moore at Charleston Wednesday and attended the dance at Cairo Wednesday evening.

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Three football men at Chillicothe Business College were awarded places on the All-State Team by Kansas City sport writers and the team as a whole was frequently given favorable mention in the metropolitan papers.

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Then you can expect a whirlwind romance of hair-trigger thrills and excitement like this one. Lowell Sherman heads the all-star supporting cast, which includes Louis Wolheim ("The Hairy Ape").

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NEW YEAR 1923 GREETINGS

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Not being able to see you all personally, we take this means of wishing you "a Happy New Year."

Thanking you for past patronage and hoping to serve you in the future.

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GREATES PHOTOPLAYS IN HISTORY PROMISED DURING PERIOD FEBURARY 1 TO AUGUST 1

What is said to be the greatest convention of its kind ever held by any one particular branch of American industry has just been completed in Los Angeles, Cal., when the entire personnel connected with the Productoin and Distribution departments of the Famous Players Lask Corporation were called together from all parts of the country in the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, Cal., last week.

Mayor Cryer of Los Angeles welcomed the Paramount delegation to the city, which arrived on a special train from New York, and which picked up executives of the Paramount company en route.

Demonstrations were held in various cities through which the special train passed, and a most rousing reception was accorded the delegates in Kansas City, in which Mayor Cromwell officiated and officially welcomed the executives of Paramount to hold their next convention in Kansas City.

Adolph Zukor, who is President of the Famous Lasky Corporation presided at the convention in connection with Jesse L. Lasky, Vice President and who is also in charge of Production, also Sidney R. Kent, who is General Manager of Distribution.

Six months ago Paramount pledged to exhibitors and the public alike, that they would produce and release 41 motion pictures, the quality of which would be epoch marking in the history of the screen. Since the release of the first of this series of 41 Paramount Productions, it is the consensus of opinion of motion picture critics, exhibitors and the public, that Paramount fulfilled this promise.

During the last half of the fiscal year, period between February 1 and August 1, Mr. Zukor and Mr. Lasky have pledged that the Paramount screen deliverances will exceed in quality the 41 pictures released during the first 6 months.

Included in the next group of releases as was announced at the Convention are such pictures as "The Covered Wagon", Cecil B. De Millie's massive production, "Adam's Rib", "Bella Donna" featuring Pola Negri, and thirty-six others of equivalent attractions.

The theme of the pronounced convention was the discussion of the quality of pictures which was meeting with the public's approval to the greatest extent. The Department of Distribution, who constantly come in contact with the motion picure exhibiors, who in turn voice the sentiments of the public, generally have a greater conception as to what is needed in screen entertainment than do the directors of pictures, or the writers of the stories from which Paramount pictures are made, consequently the views of these men, and the information they imparted to the Production Department of Paramount will reflect throughout the on coming season's releases, and it is the belief of Paramount executives that it will tend to strengthen to increase interest in every Paramount Production henceforth..

The industry is peopled with clever, talented artists, and the demands made upon them are appalling. The making of a film is as arduous a task as the producing of a successful stage play, and not five out of 60 of the latter will satisfy the theatre going public In pictures, the audiences demand that every picture be good, making it encumbent upon the director, the star, or stars to put their very best efforts into each production, and make it of highest possible standard so as to insure its being well received by the publlic.

The writers who works are translated into screen entertainment are frequently seen out on location with the company while the picture is being filmed, thereby instilling into the picture vision of the author, the settings, and materially assisting in the continuity of the production.

It has always been the ambition of Adolph Zukor, President of the Famous Players Lasky Corporation and his assistants, to produce the quantity and the quality of Paramount Pictures which would gain for the Paramount trademark an unrivaled position of leadership surrounding the advancements in screen entertainment, and today, the accomplishments of the Paramount company ore looked forward to by the entire motion picture industry, as setting the precedent the world over in motion picture entertainment.

Past releases scheduled by Paramount have been approximately two pictures per week, surrounded by an intensified national advrtising campaign, and exhibitors are confident that when a Paramount Picture is to be exhibited at their theatre its success is inevitable.

The pictures will be shown at the Malone Theatre as soon after their release as is possible, Managr McCutchn tells The Standard.

Cost of Producing Pork

The average cost of producing 100 pounds of marketable pork in sections of Iowa and Illinois in 1921, was $6.08, according to a cost of production study made by the United States Department of Agriculture on 3,574 spring pigs producing 885,140 pounds of marketable pork.

This pork was produced when corn was relatively cheap last year. The survey shows that 65 per cent of the hogs returned between 25 cents and 75 cents per bushel of corn fed. Costs ranged from $3.76 in one drove, to $10.80, in the drove showing the highest cost, 85 per cent of the pork showing a cost of $7 or less per 100 pounds. An average profit of $1.28 per 100 pounds of marketable pork is shown, or an average profit of $3.05 for each pig weaned.

The size of the litters, the relative economies made in the use of feed and labor, and the quantity of pork produced per sow were the three principal cost factors. The entire herd was used as a basis for cost finding, all the expenses on the sow being divided among the pigs in her litter. The principal causes of high costs were the small litters weaned, heavy feed and labor expense, and slightly lower gain per head. Tankage formed an important part of the rations of the economical pork.

The average cost of the total quantity of pork produced or 882,758 pounds, which included 27,612 pounds lost later through deaths was $.88, with a range of $3.76 on the farm making the cheapest pork, to $10.48 on the farm showing highest costs. Thirty-nine of the 51 farms upon which cost figures were kept showed costs between $4 and $7.

The farm averaging the smallest litters, or 2 pigs to the sow, made 473 pounds of pork per litter in 200 days. The farm making the highest record made 1759 pounds of pork per litter in 200 days from an average of 7.27 pigs weaned per sow. Two farms producing an average of 8 pigs per sow produced 1616 pounds and 1435 pounds per sow respectively.

The average cost of producing a weaned pig, 10 weeks of age, was $4.50. Figures were kept on 796 spring litters. The cost of producing a weaned pig varied from $2.73 in the breeding herd having the lowest cost per pig to $10.16 per weaned pig in the drove having the highest cost. These costs included all feed and other expenses upon the mothers from the tim of sorting the sows in the Fall to be bred to the date of weaning; also the feed and other costs on the boar while on the farm.

While no attempt was made to find the cost of pigs at farrowing time, the report shows he influence that the selection of sows and condition of he farrowing pen have upon he size of litters and the number of pigs brought through alive, the department states.—U. S. Dept. Agricultural.

COMMERCE HEARING ON S. E. MO. RATES

A hearing before the Inter-state Commerce Commission last week at St. Louis had under consideration rates on grain in Southeast Missouri. When the sharp advance came in railroad rates a few years ago, rates from Southeast Missouri points were overlooked. They have never been brought up in line with others, and the hearing was on a petition to have them placed on a parity. Interests in the territory affected objected, but their contention that an attempt is being made to discriminate against them is state to be not in accordance with the facts. —Cairo Citizen.

The holiday spirit prompts us to extend to our friends our best wishes and cordial greeting for a New Year of Prosperity.

Dempster Furniture and Undertaking Company

SEVEN MORE EXECUTED BY IRISH FREE STATE

Dublin, December 19.—Four rail way men and three laborers were executed here this morning for interference with trains in County Kildare.

The seven men executed wer captured November 13, by Free State troops in a house, the location of which was not announced. With them a quantity of stolen goods, rifles and ammunition was found.

The men were tried by a military committee and sentenced to death on the charge of train wrecking.

The sentence was carried out at 8:30 o'clock this morning.

The men executed are reported to have been members of the Republican army.

An unofficial report states that the men were captured in a dugout at Kilbride near the Kildare County line and that they were part of a column of ten operating in that district and responsible for the ambush of National troops the destruction of goods shipped by mail and the seizure of materials in shops.

The official army report of the executions gives the names of the men as Stephen White and Patrick Bagnel of Kildare, laborers; Joseph Johnston and Patrick Mangan of Kildare, railworkers; James O'Connor of Bansha, Tipperary, and Patrick Nolan of Rathbride, railway workers, and Brian Moore of Rathbride, laborer.

They were arrested with a number of others at Rathbride in County Kildare says the official report which adds that they were found guilty by a military committee of possessing, without property authority, ten rifles, 200 rounds of ammunition, four bombs with detonators and one exploder.

Honors the Hog

Iowa, situated in the heart of the great agricultural district of the United States, has been honored by the President in the selection of a Secretary of Agriculture more frequently than any other state.

Hon. James Wilson, when Secretary of Agriculture, filled the office of such secretary a longer time than any of his predecessors or successors, thus, as a practical farmer, and is familiar with the hog and all of his desirable qualities, and states his opinion of the value of the hog from an economical and profitable standpoint to the farmer, in the following testimonials:

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Young people wishing business, telegraph, civil service, secretarial or banking courses should enter Chillicothe Business College the week of January 1st. The new classes start New Year's Day.

Prominent Democrats are in request as speakers at th Jackson Day dinners which have been scheduled in various cities for January 8. Chairman Cordell Hull of the Democratic National Committee is arranging to obtain speakers for these celebrations. At least one member of President Wilson's Cabinet is expected to deliver an address to a big gathering of Democrats on Jackson Day.

EPWORTH LEAGUE BANS MOVIES BY ARBUCKLE

Dallas, Texas, December 25.—Five Epworth Leagues, in joint meeting here last night, voted to boycott motion picture houses which show films featuring Roscoe Arbuckle. Their action followed an address by the Rev. C. C. Selecman, local Methodist minister, in which he severely criticised Will Hays, head of the film industry, for granting the film comedian permission to resume his screen activities.

Fifty-three widows of soldiers who fought in the War of 1812 are still receiving pensions from the United States Government.

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I will extend a wish for a happy and prosperous New Year to one and all.

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Our New Year Greeting

To all our old friends who have been loyal, who have helped us and whom we have helped as best we knew, and to the newer friends whom we will cherish through the years until they become old friends, and to YOU whose friendship we want and will ever strive earnestly to deserve, we tender this

GREETING

Eagle Drug Store

C. C. WHITE, Proprietor

STOCK DIVIDENDS PILE UP TAXES

Stock dividends maounting to more than 750 million dollars were declared or announced by Standard Oil companies in 11 months last year. Atlantic Refining Company, a star performer of the group, declared a stock dividend of 900 per cent. It increased its capital from 5 to 50 million dollars. Standard Oil of Indiana, when it declared only a little 100 per cent dividend, however, made a much greater showing in putting surplus earnings out of reach of taxes on earnings. Standard Oil of Indiana had a surplus of about 178 million dollars and divided most of it by increasing its capital stock from 150 to 250 million dollars.

These stock dividends are in addition to substantial dividends that are being paid regularly by many companies. If the millions put into stock dividends were divided among stock holders as regular dividends they would come under the income tax. But they are not divided that way. The excuse is made that these huge surpluses are needed in carrying on the business.

The big tobacco companies which have been enjoying wonderful prosperity, are said to be the next industry that will issue wholesale stock dividends. Thus will their millions of surplus earnings avoid some of the burden of paying for the war and the Government.

Ohio Oil Company has declared a 300 per cent dividend, increasing its capital stock from 15 to 60 million dollars. Standard Oil of Kentucky declared two stock dividends in 1922. They totaled 100 per cent. Standard Oil of Kansas proposed a stock dividend the other day. White Eagle Oil Company announced one of 25 per cent, and the Magnolia Petroleum Co. one of 50 per cent that put 60 million dollars of earnings into stock instead of dividends that are taxable.

While business is showing the usual seasonal easing-up of this time of year all these companies discover they need many times more capital than they ever had before. No doubt expanding business does often need its earnings put back into the business, but it doesn't seem reasonable that there should be a constant need of doubling and redoubling capital or multiplying it by three, four, nine. It isn't necessary in banking or in farming or railroading.

But stock dividends are not taxable as are regular dividends and so daily we see more and more millions of surplus earnings evading taxation and going into stock dividends. Among a great number of stock dividends I note the general Baking Company is to divide a 5-million-dollar surplus that way—another case of actually performing that supposably impossible thing of eating your take and having it. National Supply Company has a 13-million-dollar surplus and plans a 50 per cent stock dividend. Northwestern Yeast Company announces a 100 per cent dividend, 3 million dollars; Cleveland Union Stock Yards, 60 per cent stock dividend; Packard Motor Company, 100 per cent stock dividend; Humphreys Oil Company, 75 per cent. Small wonder the tax burden falls so hard on those who cannot declare stock dividends.—Arthur Capper.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Guthrie of Charleston spent Christmas day with Mrs. Guthrie's parents, Mr. nad Mrs. Adam Rouse.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Laws of Marston spent the holidays in Sikeston with the family of C. L. Essary on Moore Avenue.

More than 2100 of the 2850 agricultural counties in the United States employ at least one agricultural extension worker, who acts as a joint represenative of the United States Department of Agriculture and the state agricultural college.

A New Year Sentiment!

To our old friends, loyal and true; to our valued new friends; and to those whose friendship we strive to deserve; we heartily wish unmeasured happiness and good fortune throughout the coming years.

With grateful appreciation for all the favors received by us from you, and for that priceless though intangible asset, your good-will, which we prize beyond measure, we seek to merit your continued confidence, and aim to serve you helpfully in the future.

Stubbs Clothing Company

BEGLEY'S RELATIVES VICTORS IN COURT

An echo of the manipulatiops of George H. Begley, Jr., "deposed rice king" of Southeast Missouri, who is serving a term in the state penitentiary for forgery, was sounded when the Supreme Court, in a decision this week, reversed and remanded a decision of the St. Louis circuit court in which Judge Falkenhaimer there held that Mrs. Effie M. Ruth, George Begley, Sr., and Mrs. Edith Ruth Begley, would have to pay a note for $70,000 they signed to secure young Begley from prosecution. Notice of action of the court was received here today.

The higher court held that the ruling of the lower court was void and sent the case back for a new trial.

The three defendants to the suit brought by the Mississippi Valley Trust Company to St. Louis to secure payment of the note, charged that they were forced under duress to sign the notes "in order that Begley would not be prosecuted. They claim that they were given only an hour's time in which to act. They also claim that they were to sign in lieu of the signatures said to have been forged by Begley.

The note was given by Begley, it was charged in exchange for the money, with which he was to carry on his rice plantation plans. Relatives said that he squandered the money and they knew nothing of the affixing of the signatures.

At the time that the Mississippi Valley Trust Company instituted action against the defendants to secure payment of the notes, the latter also brought suit in the Poplar Bluff court to cancel the notes, alleging duress. They lost in the last suit, but the Supreme Court also remanded this for a new trial.

Trial of the suits is expected at the next term of court.

Begley is still in the state prison, where reports say he wishes to stay until his term is over. After his release he wants to start again.

His wife secured a divorce from him several months ago.—Southeast Missourian.

PROHIBITION OF SERVING LIQUOR ON SEAS ATTACKED

Washington, December 22.—A plea that American ships cannot justly be prevented from serving liquor on the high seas, under the prohibition laws, is set forth in a brief filed in the Supreme Court today by the International Mercantile Marine in support of is appeals from the interpretation given the Daugherty bone-dry ruling by Federal Judge Ward at New York.

The brief also declared it is not unlawful for vessels to bring their ship stores of liquor into American territorial waters. In this respect the position taken by the Mercantile Marine is similar to that set forth by the foreign shipping concerns in a brief filed recently with the Court.

W. C. Russell and wife spent Christmas week with the family of L. F. Stock on Big Lake, Mississippi county.

The turkey shoot held last Friday at the Fair Grounds by J. H. Barnett and Judson Boardman was a big success. Eleven turkeys, eight capons and four quarters of pork was disposed of.

Moberly, which is making a bid for the next Missouri Poultry Show, has been advised by the executives of the state association that the selection of the city for the 1923 meeting will not be decided upon until January 4, when the officers will gather in Kansas City to take up the matter. Maryville is one of the cities that has entered recently in a bid for the show. Moberly believes it has an excellent chance to land the event because of its central location and excellent railroad facilities.

MELLON SAID TO OWE U. S. $231,666 DUE ON INCOME

Pitsburgh, Pa., December 21.—Statements of claim, naming Andrew W Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury and seventeen other prominent residents of Pittsburgh, were filed in United States District Court late today by Special Assistant United States Attorney Warren H. Van Kirk, seeking to recover $488,953. The government charges the sum is due as income tax on a stock dividend which the Gulf Oil Corporation declared in 192.

Praecipes were filed in these cases in 1919.

Collection of $231,666 from A. W. Mellon and $226,684 from R B. Mellon, local banker, is sought. The other claims are comparatively small. One of the largest is against William Flinn, for $5140. A. W. Mellon was vice president of the corporation.

Reese Marshall from Cape Girardeau was in Sikeston Tuesday on a business trip.

Germany's wheat yield in 1922 was at the rate of 18.5 bushels an acre. In 1921 the yield was 32.4 bushels to the acre. Drouth caused the decrease. The 1922 rye yield is 60 per cent of 1921.

GERMAN "WAR GUILT" CASES ARE DROPPED

Berlin, December 22.—The supreme court of Leipsig, in a secret session today, dismissed 93 "war guilt" cases tried in accordance with the Versailles Treaty.

Gen. von Mackenson, von Linsingen, von Below and von Diekut and Prof. Goetz were among those whose cases were dropped. Many witnesses were heard but proceedings were private and allied representatives were not present. The court declared the defendants were proven neither guilty nor innocent of crimes aganist German law.

Seven hundred and seventy-one cases are pending. Germans on trial include former Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria accused of deportation from northern France during the war; Gen. von Manteusfel, held responsible for the Louvain outrages; the Duke of Wurtemberg, who ordered troops massacred at Namur and other famous officers.

The Allies drew up a long list of those considered guilty and then required the Germans themselvs to try them.

Carson Wilkey is home for the holidays from Cambridge, Mass., to visit friends and relatives.

Miss Margaret N. Robins, of Philadelphia, who has been doing Red Cross work among the poor of "Turkey Town", the Moslem quarter of Podgoritza, Montenegro, is called "Angel" by the population.

In the proper column will be found the announcement of John H. oGodin as a candidate for Superintendent of Schools of Scott County. Mr. Goodin is no stranger in this county having taught school 14 years in Scott County, one year at Vanduser, one year at Morley, four years at Benton and superintendent at Sikeston for eight years. That he is thoroughly fitted for the position goes without saying. He is a Central College man, a graduate of the Teachers' College at Cape Girardeau, a student of the University of Missouri and holds a life state certificate. He has taught the one-room school, been principal of village schools, and has been superintendent where 35 teachers were employed.

CATHOLICS WILL BE ASKED TO FIGHT ARBUCKLE FILMS

Washington, December 21.—Catholics will be called upon to unite in an effort to keep films with "Fatty" Arbuckle, the motion picture comedian, as the star, from being shown, so Charles A. McMahon, director of the motion picture bureau of the National Catholic Welfare Council, announced tonight. McMahon, who is also a member of the Executive Committee on Public Relations, which Will Hays organized to co-operate with the motion picture industry, issued the following statement:

"The announcement of Arbuckle's reinstatement by Mr. Hays comes as a decided shock to those who had been led to believe that there was no longer any room in the motion picture industry for persons of the Arbuckle type. I feel that Mr. Hays has misjudged the temper of the American public if he thinks they will agree with his action in the Arbuckle case. Mr. Hays and his employers are guilty not only of an error in judgment, but are likewise guilty of failing to keep faith with the American pepole in making good on their purpose, as frequently repeated by Mr. Hays, namely, "to elevate the moral and artistic standard of the screen".

Woolard Baker was up from Memphis for the holidays and to gladen the heart of his grandmother.

More than one hundred couple attended the dance at the City Hall Monday night. Fifty couple were from Sikeston, the balance from neighboring towns. The Radio Orchestra of St. Louis furnished the music, which was pronounced very good. Visitors complimented the dance very highly.

Have you ever tried keeping a dust bath for the chickens in winter? We keep a box 3½ by 6 feet in a sunny corner of the poultry house well filled with dust. When we empty the wood ashes, they are always put in the box. Coal ashes are all right if the cinders are sifted out. It is really surprising to note how much the fowls enjoy it. Now I do not mean to imply that the dust bath will kill all lice and mites, but it will certainly help to exterminate them and if the houses and roosts are disinfected you will be surprised to find the pests will give very little trouble.

DISTRICT MEETING OF REBEKAHS

The Rebekahs held a District Meeting at I. O. O. F. Hall in Sikeston Wednesday, December 20th. Lodges in the District are: Cape Girardeau, Fornfelt, Chaffee, Oran, Morley, Blodgett, Charleston, Anniston, East Prairie, Portageville, Lilbourn, Morehouse, Essex and Sikeston. Majority of these were represented.

Mrs. Sue Strycker, State President of the State Assembly, was present, holding a School of Instruction in the afternoon. At night Charleston Degree Staff exemplified the work which was very well done and enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Strycker gave an address, Mr. G. W. Sharp of Cape Girardeau and Mrs. Belle Morrison gave humerous readings, that were excellent.

A very elaborate dinner and supper were served to all present.

The officers elected for next year were:

President, Mrs. Lena Emory, Matthews.

Vice-President, Mrs. Annice Marshall, Blodgett.

Secretary, Mrs. Rose Parks, Charleston.

Treasurer, Mrs. Bettie Hagan, Charleston.

Next year the meeting will be held at Cape Girardeau.

S. M. Dailey, merchant of Vanduser, was in Sikeston Tuesday. He reports business as having been very satisfactory, and believes the business outlook to be much better for the future.

A slide in the Panama Canal occurred Friday morning. It is officially reported that it is not of a serious nature and that it will be cleared by December 30. Meanwhile, traffic through the waterway will not be hampered.

Despite tempting offers by Parisian musica hall managers to the girls of the ex-sultan's harem, Turkish authorities are arranging to return most of them to their native villages. Almost 300 former members of the imperial troupe of dancers and concubines of the household must be disposed of. Husbands will be found for those who have no desire to return home.

GOLD MOUNTED HARNESS A GIFT TO KING ALBERT

Brussels, Dec. 22.—A number of costly gifts, including a set of harness mounted in gold and enriched with precious stones, have been presented to King Albert by Ras Taffari, regent of Abyssinia. Among the gifts were also many shields and sabers, one of the shields formerly belonging to Emperor Menelik and used by him at the battle of Adowa.

Similar gifts were sent from Abyssinia to the late Emperor Nicholas, of Russia, when he recognized Abyssinan Independence.

O. E. Latham and family spent Christmas in Dexter with relatives and friends.

Misses Louella and Loretta Miller and brother, C. D., of Sikeston, returned home after a pleasant visit with friends in this city.—Charleston Index.

Fire starting in a restaurant in the business section of Juarez, just across the border from El Paso, Texas, Sunday, destroyed the American Consulate offices and wiped out more than a half block of business houses before it was brought under control. The loss is estimated at more than $150000.

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To Everybody

May the New Year Bring Peace Prosperity and Happiness

B. F. Blanton, Dentist

Sikeston, Mo.

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To Our Friends and Customers

Decker & Sams Barber Shop

Front Street, Sikeston